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Chapman Hill Rd. will keep its name

Appeals Board nixes 911 name change, but it's not over yet

By ALISON ALOISIO

Residents of both Chapman Hill Road and Chapman Street got what they wanted last week -- but in the end, they may both end up losing.

The conflict between the need to provide clear, unmistakeable locations to emergency personnel during 911 calls and the desire to preserve historic road names is an increasingly common one in Maine towns. Last week, Bethel residents and officials wrestled with the issue.

The question was whether the names Chapman Hill Road and Chapman Street are similar enough to cause confusion over emergency radio.

Code enforcement officer Norm

Putnam thought they were. So, following 911 road renaming procedures suggested by the state, he contacted residents on the roads and asked for suggestions and input regarding changing one of the names.

Finding that fewer people on Chapman Hill Road objected to a change than on Chapman Street, he renamed Chapman Hill Road "Howard Road."

"Historic and emotional ties"

But road resident Mary Chapman filed a formal appeal with the Bethel Appeals Board. And Thursday night, with about 20 residents

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CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?--Town meetings are barely underway but already the crocuses are blooming in a sunny spot at Edleen Winslow's Bailey Road home. The three-month December-through-February period proved to be one of the warmest and snowless on record, and some local roads are already in prime Mud Season form.

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

Local woman tapped as new G'wood manager

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Carol Whitman of Bryant Pond will be Greenwood's next town manager.

The Greenwood selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday to appoint Whitman to a one-year term, at a starting salary of \$21,000. She was selected from among 16 applicants for the position.

Whitman will replace interim Town Manager Lloyd DeCato, who is retired and has told the selectmen he was seeking to work fewer hours.

According to First Selectman Marie Bartlett, DeCato has agreed to stay on as deputy clerk. The present deputy clerk, Debra Kelley, is seeking full-time employment, but has agreed to stay for two weeks in order to introduce Whitman to the town's computer programs.

"This has just worked out so well for everyone," Bartlett said.

Whitman, a native of Lisbon Falls, is currently employed by Gilbert Manufacturing in Locke Mills. She will take over her new post on March 18.

"We wanted to have her on board by Town Meeting (March 28)," said Bartlett.

Whitman said she was "very excited about this. I've thought about it for quite a long time, ever since I heard Lloyd was leaving. I think the town will be happy with me."

Whitman lives with her husband, Herbert, on the Old County Road. The couple has three grown children.

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Town, Bethel Station, Water District are sued for unpaid engineering bills

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The long-simmering disagreement between the Bethel Water District and the developers of Bethel Station over who should be paying for engineering work -- and how much they should be paying -- has boiled over again, leaving both parties and the town itself facing a lawsuit.

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A E. Hodsdon of Waterville, the town's consultant engineering firm, claims it is still owed almost \$90,000 for work performed on the

Liens placed on land owned by town and developers

project.

To secure its claims, Hodsdon has filed liens on land owned by the town and by Bethel Station. Until the liens are removed (or a bond posted) further federal development

funds are in jeopardy.

In a civil suit filed in Oxford County Superior Court, Hodsdon has named the town of Bethel, the Bethel Water District and Bethel Station Limited Partnership as defendants.

Hodsdon claims it is owed \$49,170 by the town and \$39,673 by the Water District.

Bethel Station is included in the suit because the other parties maintain that while the project contracts were with the town and Water District (because much of the funding was from the federal government and had to be administered by

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1998 Town Meetings

Out-of-state TV camera rolls at Newry meeting

By ALISON ALOISIO

A surprise visit by a television film crew was the most notable event of an otherwise routine Newry Town Meeting Monday night.

The two-man crew, from a CBS affiliate in Burlington, Vt., came to the Bethel area to film a story on the American Skiing Company.

ASC president Les Otten moderated the Newry meeting, as he has for many years. The TV news report is scheduled to air next week.

As for the serious business of the town, approximately 60 voters approved the 57 warrant articles in just under an hour.

They asked few questions in approving the \$419,298 municipal budget, which does not include the school and county assessments. The county assessment is \$106,720.

Among items approved by voters Monday was \$50,001 for the Highway Capital Improvements Fund. An extra dollar was added to the recommended amount in a motion

from Joe Aloisio, who made a motion on the same item last year that doubled the recommended amount to \$100,000.

This year's funds will be added to \$36,000 left over from last year. The money will be used to rebuild the Branch Road and its intersection with Route 26, and put a coat of pavement on a portion of the Sunday River Road that was rebuilt this past year.

Also approved were \$24,620 for operating and maintaining the Fire

Department -- including paving a parking area at the Sunday River Fire Station -- and \$17,180 for purchasing equipment.

Among items to be purchased are pagers, turnout gear and four air-packs.

Steve Wight and Dave Langlois were re-elected selectman and SAD44 school director, respectively.

School director Fred Cowin's seat

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Three in the running for Andover selectman's seat

By ALISON ALOISIO

A late addition to the candidates for the selectmen's seat currently held by Laura Hutchins will give Andover voters three choices when they go to the polls Saturday.

The current secretary to the board, Wendy Green, announced this week she will be a write-in candidate.

Voting for town officials will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. after Saturday's annual Town Meeting.

"I've been looking at the work

ahead, and the candidates, and I felt I would make just as good a candidate as the ones running," Green said of her decision to run. "I've been pondering it for a couple of weeks."

The other candidates are Hutchins and Gary Vaughn, who is currently the town's animal control officer.

Green has served as secretary for four years. She said that experience gives her a good background for a selectman's position. It would be an advantage for the board, she

said, to have her regular presence in the office as secretary.

She has checked with the Maine Municipal Association and said she was told it would not be a conflict to hold both positions. "I make no decisions (as secretary), I work under 20 hours a week, and I'm not eligible for benefits," she said.

Green said she would abstain from any votes involving her position.

Vaughn, however, would not be

able to continue as ACO if he were elected, according to selectmen Dick Plantier, who contacted MMA about that situation. "He would effectively be his own boss," Plantier said.

Green said the difference in Vaughn's situation is that he must make decisions in the ACO position. Vaughn could not be reached for comment regarding his candidacy.

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Building permits back on the warrant in West Paris

By DUANE HAYES

The town's citizens will gather Saturday, March 7, in the gymnasium at the Agnes Gray School on Main Street to consider a 66-article warrant for this year's annual Town Meeting.

Residents will be considering an annual budget proposal of \$397,618 for municipal operating expenses as recommended by the selectmen, and a second proposal of \$409,818 recommended by the budget committee.

Both groups agree as to recommendations in most areas, but the

Budget Committee added \$10,000 to the Fire Department request in regard to the Fire Truck Reserve Fund and \$2,200 for the West Paris Library. Their recommendation was \$15,000 for the truck reserve and a flat \$2,200 for the library where the

selectmen recommended only \$5,000 for the truck reserve and \$0 for the library, as they felt there is enough money to purchase a used fire truck, and the library has enough money in its various accounts to carry it through 1998 easily.

Regarding the five major ac-

counts, the Highway Department

budget is recommended at \$133,000 by both committees, solid waste at \$65,000, the Fire Department at \$43,000, town officers salaries at \$44,000 (cut some by using \$12,000 in appropriations from excise taxes), fire hydrant rental at \$22,216, and street lighting services at \$12,050. All other accounts range from \$200 to around \$10,000, many of which are amounts that are not under the control of the town, such as insurances, organizational dues and legal fees.

As is usual, the annual requests

for social services (\$21,304.20) has been cut to \$15,782 by the selectmen and to \$15,022 by the budget committee.

It is expected that the issue will become quite controversial as has been the tradition in the past, as

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Brie Weisman
824-2110

NEW CHIEF--Bryant Pond native Darren Tripp was promoted Monday to Police Chief in Bethel, replacing Dale Bellman, who resigned Jan. 28 after a two-month suspension. Tripp, 32, has been a sergeant in the department for more than four years. He graduated from Telstar High School in 1984, then joined the U.S. Army and trained for the Military Police. Tripp worked in traffic accident investigation for five years. He joined the Bethel Police in 1989 as a patrolman, and was promoted to sergeant in 1993. He currently lives in Bryant Pond with his wife and two daughters. In recommending Tripp for the position, Town Manager Phil Tarr said, "I think he has good insight into the town of Bethel. He has the ability to relate to people." Tripp said he hopes to work as chief long enough to retire from the position. Here, he is congratulated by first selectman Dutch Dresser. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

PUBLIC HEARING
The Bethel Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to hear comments or questions concerning the Main Street United States Post Office. The meeting will be held in the town hall, 6:30 pm on March 11, 1998

April 28, 1933

Senate Finally Passes Farm Relief Bill

The Perfect Steak is Back on the Menu at The Millbrook Tavern

"We're making history every night!"

As of February 28th, 1998
Linda Taylor Pelkey
is no longer responsible for
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Donald Pelkey.



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Letters

Pipeline Battle Not Over

To the Editor:

March is here, bringing us closer to spring every day. Yet, through the commotion about the bingo hall people seem to have forgotten about the pending construction of the proposed natural gas pipeline, CNAP would have loved to have seen as much newspaper coverage, town and community support as the bingo hall has been getting. At this point, I'd rather see the bingo hall next door to my house than the pipeline.

There has been a lot of talk about how the bingo hall will change the rural character of Albany and "those people" wanting to build it on wetlands. If this politically correct society can refer to a Native American Indian tribe as those people, then I will from now on refer to PNGTS as "those people," and they will affect a lot more acres of wetland than the Passamaquoddy Tribe wants to.

So, let's start looking at the environmental and community issues by facts and not by who wants to do the damage. You have all been told about the bingo hall. It is time to put the pipeline under the same scrutiny: the construction right of way will affect 448.8 acres of wetlands. About 9.1 acres of additional wetland would be affected by extra work areas placed in wetlands. Operation of the pipeline will affect 95.7 acres of wetlands and result in permanent conversion of 80.9 acres of forested or partially forested wetland to scrub shrub and emergent wetlands along the pipeline right of way. It will affect 1,870.9 acres of land with 1,126.1 acres being permanent. One-hundred twenty-eight residences will be within 50 feet of the construction work area -- 72 of these will be between 25 to 50 feet of construction work area, 50 are within 0 to 25 feet and six within the construction work area.

Concerning the long-term effect concerning wildlife and vegetation: clearing of 957.1 acres of forested upland and wetland habitat. Permanent conversion of about 804.3 acres of these forests to herbaceous and shrub cover. It will affect 57 state-listed or proposed species, three federal species of concern -- and that's not counting the bald eagle, endangered peregrine falcon, dwarf wedge mussel, and small whorled pogonia.

Then let's take a look at the groundwater situation: 10 public water sources and wellhead protection areas, 51 private wells within 150 feet -- this does not include our own area yet -- 47 springs within 150 feet. Some of this information at this point is still incomplete.

A couple of weeks ago there was a write-up in the Sun Journal/Sunday about how those people are ready to start construction. I have a letter here dated Feb. 19, 1998, filed Feb. 24, 1998, from FERC and the office of Pipeline Regulation giving approval for several pipeyard/warehouse sites. Yet the last sentence reads as follows: "This approval is not a clearance to begin construction. I remind you that Portland Natural Gas Transmission System must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the commission's order."

It seems the media has only been printing what PNGTS gives them for information. The public has not been told all they need to know about this. There has been no town vote on this issue for people to show support for their neighbors and friends.

For those who have had to deal with PNGTS, or who will have to in the near future, we want to them to know that we have been preparing a fact sheet to try and help them see what to watch out for. The state of New Hampshire did this to help their citizens -- who has helped us? Please, realize that we from CNAP are not the bad guys but neighbors trying to help neighbors. We still need financial support, too. This is not all over and done with. Together we can still make a difference.

*Wally Hannigan
East Bethel*

WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage women of all ages to attend this year's Women's Health Conference on Saturday, March 14, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Crescent Park School.

This is the eighth such event, and this year the conference is the result of a new collaboration of area health care providers and the educational community. Sponsors are Bethel Family Health Center, RiverSide Family Practice, Swift River Health Care, Western Maine OB/GYN, and Tri County Health Services/Family Planning, with Rumford Community Hospital offering free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings by appointment. SAD44 Adult Education is pleased to serve as the overall manager for the conference.

The Women's Health Conference is a wonderful event; it combines the latest in medical and wellness knowledge, great food, fun and unusual exhibits, and the opportunity to learn in the company of other women. The planning committee has worked hard to line up workshop sessions, including six from the New England Women's Center, to appeal to all generations, including some topics especially suited for moms and teens. Complete program guides are available at the Adult Education office or any of the sponsoring organizations.

The fee for the conference is \$25, which includes lunch and free childcare. The sliding fee scale for low-income families is in effect. Call the Adult Education office (824-2780) for details or to register. Mark your calendars and don't miss this one.

*Cathy Newell
Director, SAD44 Adult Education*

NEW YEAR'S BETHEL COMMITTEE

To the Editor:

The New Year's Bethel Committee will be meeting on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 a.m. at the Moses Mason House Meeting Room. We are inviting all community members who may be interested in helping with this exciting new event to join with us to explore the many opportunities as well as the many tasks needing attention in the coming months. Enthusiasm, rather than credentials, is the only prerequisite to attendance.

If by chance your schedule does not allow you to join us on March 13 but you are interested in helping, please call me at home (824-3938). Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you on March 13.

*Susan Herlihy
Co-chair, Capital Campaign Committee, Bethel Historical Society*

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GETTING THE EXPLANATION--Gil Seeley -- who turned 90 in October -- was one of about 60 voters who turned out Monday for Newry's annual Town Meeting. Here, she listens as first selectman Steve Wright explains one of the 57 articles on the meeting warrant. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

THANKS FOR HELPING PETS DURING THE ICE STORM

To the Editor:

On Jan. 6, the local chapter of Voice For Animals met at The Little Jungle Pet Store in Norway to discuss a big project for the upcoming year -- Animal Out! -- an emergency evacuation and shelter plan for pets and livestock in this area. By Jan. 8, the first day of the ice storm, there was already a need for this kind of shelter and both the Voice For Animals group and the staff of The Little Jungle found themselves in the middle of a trial by fire.

Two hundred and fifty plus animals later (including 48 dogs, 40 or more cats, two snakes, a hundred birds, four iguanas, two turtles, three rabbits, a chinchilla, and various rodents and fish), we wish to thank everyone who helped make this emergency animal shelter a working reality.

Thank you to all those who loaned or gave us crates, cages, and kennels, to house the dogs and cats. Thank you to Catnapzz in Berwick, who loaned us several carloads of cages. We appreciate the blankets, sheets, and towels that were brought to us. They gave many stressed-out animals a warm, soft place to snuggle and hide. Thank you to Robinson Manufacturing for their donation of wool pieces. And of course, thanks to those who helped us with the laundry when the power came back on.

We appreciate the donations of brooms, newspapers, litter scoops, and litter boxes, dustpans, paper towels, and other supplies, including donuts for our helpers. At times we had no more than asked for something only to find a generous person standing at the counter with the needed item in hand. We thank everyone who came to our rescue with bags of kitty litter and animal food, including Wal-Mart, Cumberland Farms, and owners who let their pets share their personal supplies.

We are grateful for the "kids on the street" who came to help us with the dog walking. Walking 48 dogs four times a day was no small task and would have been impossible without lots of energetic and enthusiastic help. Thank you also to Eli, Matt, and the other "big guys" who ran the large dogs for us and helped them work off lots of energy. Special thanks go to the downtown Norway merchants and their customers who didn't complain when it looked like an outhouse had exploded on Main Street.

We appreciate the help of those who scooped poop, changed newspaper, cleaned cages and fed critters, (thanks John, Alta, Linda, and Theresa), manned brooms and shovels, hauled trash and cuddled and sat with some of the stressed-out animals. It really did help to have people stop in to say "Great Job!" -- that was wonderful moral support for the workers. Thank you also to the pet owners like Dodie who came in every day to visit and tend to their pets.

Many thanks to veterinarian Don McLean, who came at a moment's notice to give shots, check stressed and ailing animals, and dispense advice to the workers and pet owners. Your help and moral support is greatly appreciated. Also, your son was a riot scooping litter boxes, although we are sure it wasn't amusing to you at the time.

The media gave the shelter great coverage, and we thank all the radio stations, TV stations, and newspapers for the support and their help in getting the word out that there was a shelter open and willing to accept animals. They also helped us get the word out that we needed supplies, and for that we are grateful.

There was no charge for sheltering any of the animals, but many pet owners left donations. A number of people came in off the street just to leave a check or some cash to help out. After the Associated Press and national TV coverage, donations started to pour in from all over the country. In the weeks since the storm we have received money and many words of encouragement from places like Massachusetts, Virginia, Wisconsin, and California. Phone calls and donations have come in from Louisiana, Arizona, and Georgia, just to name a few. All the support, especially the local support, is gratefully acknowledged. All the money received is going to offset expenses of the ice storm animal shelter or into the Voice For Animals fund for helping to establish their Animal Out! program in this area. All the money donated will go directly toward helping animals in some way or another.

A big thank you to the customers of The Little Jungle who came in to buy a big bag of bird seed or a little fish food and found themselves skirting our "Wall o' Cats" or vying for our attention with reporters from Channels 6, 8, and 13. We are sort of back to normal now.

An especially big thank you goes to the families of those who helped out at the shelter and put up with us neglecting our spouses and duties at home or who filled in for us at home while we were busy making everyone else's family feel that their animals were safe and a little more secure.

And for anyone interested in helping us with setting up Animal Out! -- the "real" emergency shelter and evacuation program we hope to set up for this area, Voice For Animals, will be meeting at The Little Jungle on Main Street in Norway on March 3 at 7 p.m. You can also contact Ken Ward at 539-4046, or Kris at The Little Jungle, 743-0356, for more information.

Thank you all, and anyone else we may have missed, from the bottom of our hearts.

*Kris McAllister and Staff
Voice for Animals, c/o The Little Jungle Pets and Supplies
384 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268*

Double Dippers of Dirigo

By MIKE BROWN

Apparently some Maine legislators believe that when the company is making money they deserve a raise. That may be greed or need but a flawed squeaky wheel.

Because -- the company is a public civil government which is not supposed to be a for-profit entity. And any surplus, which is really over-taxation of its citizens, should first be returned to the company stockholders, who are the taxpayers.

Legislators avoid the self-pay raise issue like a hive of angry hornets, which it is. And so now there is the smoky backdoor approach of a gubernatorial appointed lay compensation commission, approved by the Legislature, to set salary and benefit packages and whose decision would be final.

Whoa there! A partisan appointed, non-elected bunch of political plums determining with elist unaccountability just how a \$6 million lawmaker pay-roll/benefit check is cut?

Despite the tin cup pleas of some legislators, Maine's elected are coping quite well, thank you, with their \$18,000 salary and generous other benefit perks such as medical, dental, health, retirement, per diem mileage/lodging, phone credit cards and constituent services non-accountable annual \$750 and \$1,000 allowances.

Legislators punch in and out daily for six months attendance in the first session and five months in the second. Few daily working hours except in the session closure days of self-created chaos exceed half a day. Off-session, that is all summer and fall, there is a Legislature-sponsored self-jobs program called study committees and task forces where legislators can show up for a couple hours and collect per diem mileage, lodging and meals pay.

If the Legislature goes into special sessions, which it has a predilection to do lately, the legislators receive \$100 per day plus travel, chow and bunk bucks.

Being in the legislative ivory towers is worth the campaign for them. According to 1997 National Conference of State Legislatures statistics (Maine is a member) the additional annual compensation for the Maine Senate is: president, \$14,962; majority leader, \$12,468; minority leader, \$11,221.

The NCSL stats show additional compensation for the Maine House leaders as: speaker, \$14,962; majority leader, \$12,468; minority leader, \$12,468.

These figures make Maine's leadership lawmakers look mighty flush compared to other states. Whether the NCSL got those figures is questionable and nobody in the Council of State Governments in Lexington, Ky., could be reached who could verify those published salary figures for Maine.

They are incorrect, however, by Maine Statute, Title 3, which says that the president and speaker receive only 50 percent additional above regular salary and majority and minority leaders and the House and Senate receive only 25 percent above regular salary.

Well, it's still not a skimpy basket of claims for a six-month, part-time job in a state where the per capita annual adjusted gross income is less than \$20,000.

Giving salary raises to Maine legislators is wasting tax dollars on an already over-padded payroll (\$3.3 million) say critics of the 186-member Legislature. Only nine states have higher Legislature numbers. New Hampshire has 400 legislators, who are paid \$200, and Nebraska has only 49 in its unicameral (one house) Legislature.

Salary and benefit compensations are determined in various ways among the states. Generally, five states include them in state constitutions, 34 are determined by self-conflict of interest state Legislatures -- and 20 by state compensation commissions.

However, most states that have compensation commissions require only recommendations which have to be finalized by the Legislature or ratified by a public ballot vote. And in several states, legislative salaries are tied directly to state employee salaries where a legislator salary tide increase raises all bureaucratic boats. A union bargaining El Nino.

The strawman hook in the legislator salary raise proposal is supposedly diversification; that is, raise the salaries so just anybody can "afford" to be a legislator. There is some populist flavor in that argument.

But whatever the salary, the Maine Legislature seats will still be filled with a majority of retirees -- the double and triple dippers of Dirigo.

(Veteran newsman and columnist Mike Brown writes regularly on the Augusta political scene. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen.)

OUR BACK PAGES

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: Lloyd Farren of Mexico opened a barber shop in back of the RFD#1 Restaurant on Main Street, Bethel (now Main Street Beauty Shop) and was offering discounts to children and senior citizens.

Rep. Olympia Snowe was guest of honor at the Oxford County Republican Party's Lincoln Day dinner, held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

Gould Academy was the only high school in North America with a biathlon course capable of holding national-level competitions. The course was completed in the fall of 1987 under the supervision of Kirk Siegel, biathlon coach.

Doug Zinchuk took first place in the 5 k wood ski race at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center in Oxford.

Winners in Bethel's Pinewood Derby were Jake Annis (first) and Clint Meyers (second).

Deaths: Peter Lombard, Eula Trimbach.

20 years ago: Scott Hurd and Jeff Bartlett were among 20 skiers to represent the state of Maine at the Eastern Regionals at Pats Peak in Henniker, N.H.

Telstar Rebels captured the New England Interscholastic Ski Championships with Mike Brooks taking first place in jumping and Russell Palmer third.

Bethel Inn hosted The Spring Fling, an afternoon of fashion and fun sponsored by the Bethel Auxiliary of Rumford Community Hospital. Participating as models were Anemarie Saunders, Carolyn Brooks, Claire Snyder, Karen Brown, Mer Gillies, Barbara Douglass, Chris Otten and Marian Vrablec, all modeling fashions from The Cellar. Flo Baker was commentator.

Births: Zachary Bailey, Brian Cole, Tabitha Blake, Tracy Swick. Death: Ansel Jordan.

30 years ago: Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, president of Van Telephone Company of Bethel, announced the company stockholders had voted to sell their stock to Continental Telephone Company.

Open House was held at the remodeled offices of W.J. Wheeler & Co. in South Paris.

Dolly Hebert was chosen Queen and Roger Cross as King of the Carnival Ball of Woodstock High School.

Gloria Howard was selected "Winter Queen" of Andover High School at their 41st winter carnival ball.

Deaths: Sp4 William F. Harrington, Rev. Mrs. Easter Peters, William Russo, Lewis Smith.

40 years ago: Stanley Davis was building a home for the Sumner Burgess family on Eden Lane.

Mrs. Murray Thurston and Mrs. John Lanni were co-chairmen of the first Charity Ball to be sponsored by the Bethel and Dixfield auxiliaries of the Rumford Community Hospital.

Briefly

Weekly Police Department box scores

BETHEL--In the third weekend of stepped-up traffic patrol in Bethel, 14 law enforcement officers stopped and checked 167 cars on Route 2 Saturday night. An OUI checkpoint netted six arrests. Several other summons were issued for various other offenses, including operating after suspension. Ten speeding warnings were also given out. "Most people were very cooperative," said Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp. "As long as we're getting these numbers (of OUI offenses), we'll continue to do this."

Post office public hearing

BETHEL--The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, March 11 on plans for renovations to the Bethel Post Office. An architect for Carl Glidden, who owns the post office building and the adjacent Bethel Foodliner, presented plans last week for renovations to both buildings. The Foodliner work will include a lighted canopy entrance/walkway along the side of that building. The renovated post office building will have cedar clapboard with asphalt shingles, and the upstairs will have two three-bedroom apartments. The public hearing will be held in the Town Office meeting room and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Cameras coming to SAD44 buses?

BETHEL--SAD44 students can expect to be watched more carefully as they ride school buses next year, if the FY'99 district budget passes as proposed. Included in the budget are two camcorders to be placed on buses on a rotating basis. All buses would be outfitted with camera boxes, but students would be unable to tell if one of the cameras is actually in the box. Cameras have been found to be a deterrent to bus discipline problems in other districts (including SAD17), according to bus discipline manager Bruce Powell. They may also provide evidence when discipline incidents do occur. The two cameras cost approximately \$2,000.

Skiway erosion fine is \$50,000

AUGUSTA--Documents released this week by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection reveal that Sunday River Ski Resort has agreed to pay \$50,000 for erosion problems associated with the Spring 1997 construction of the Jordan Bowl access road. The contractor on the project, Alvin J. Coleman and Sons Inc., of Conway, N.H. agreed to pay an additional \$9,000. The DEP cited Sunday River for using an improper type of culvert on the road and noted that during an inspection of the site, "department staff observed serious erosion of dirt and sand into Merrill Brook, Sunday River and every tributary of the Sunday River that drains approximately the first mile of the Jordan Bowl Road." The sedimentation, according to the DEP staff memo, "has destroyed invertebrate habitat and has eliminated fish spawning grounds. Many of those areas could not be restored and will remain impaired until naturally reclaimed by high water." The consent agreement also notes that an inspection in August of last year found a proposed restoration plan, "had been followed and soil and sediment had been adequately removed from all tributary streams, and all disturbed tributary stream channels were restored to the fullest extent possible."

Residents skeptical of chipping plant

HANOVER--Mead Corporation encountered opposition from some Hanover residents last week at a public meeting regarding the company's plans to build a chipping plant in the town. The plant would be located on a 262-acre site in the vicinity of Howard Pond. It would process 750,000 tons of chips annually to supply the Rumford mill, and would open in early 1999, if approved by the state and town. Residents worried that noise and lights from the operation would destroy its neighbors' rural tranquility. Company representative Tony Lyons said later the opposition "was no great surprise. We knew we would face folks who were not all for it." Mead will still proceed with the application process, he said, but the company is taking residents' concerns seriously "and we'll do what we can to satisfy people." Regarding noise from an expected 180 wood trucks coming and going from the site each day, Lyons said the access road would likely be cut into the side of a hill, so the hill can serve as a noise buffer. Mead will also study traffic issues related to the plant's operation, and present more information in the future, he said.

Voters OK sewer plant work

BETHEL--At a special Town Meeting Monday, the two dozen voters in attendance overwhelmingly approved spending \$2,336,170 for renovations to the town's wastewater treatment facility. It was the second time voters had approved the project. Two years earlier they authorized spending \$2,159,400 for the work, but bids for the project came in higher than that amount, necessitating the second vote. The higher figure had been recommended unanimously by the town selectmen and Budget Committee, and discussion at the meeting was brief. Questioned on the proposal to increase the septic dumping fee to 10 cents a gallon (from the present 2 cents a gallon), selectmen indicated that the proposal had been dropped and there were no current plans to raise the dumping fee. Voters Monday also approved the town releasing 144 square feet of Broad Street right of way to the Bethel Inn, which is planning an expansion and requested the right of way in order to provide an additional parking space. Voters also approved spending \$8,886 to complete reconstruction work on Mechanic and Summer streets.

Board plans CMP line hearing

GREENWOOD--The Planning Board will try to arrange a joint public hearing with Woodstock regarding a proposed new Central Maine Power transmission line that would serve a proposed gas-fired generation plant in Rumford. The new line would be added along an existing power line corridor between Rumford and Harrison, and would transmit power to the New England Power Pool grid. CMP's current rights of way along the line are 150 feet wide. The new project could extend them to 225 feet, requiring the company to acquire additional land. The new line will consist of H-framed structures that will be between 50 and 70 feet high, and located between 500 and 700 feet apart. The route through Greenwood is 6.5 miles long. The board is expected to review the project under the town's comprehensive plan and shoreland zoning ordinance.

AWD awards bid

ANDOVER--Andover Water District trustees Tuesday awarded the bid to construct the district's new pumphouse and reservoir to low bidder Jordan Lumber Co. of Kingfield. Jordan submitted bids of \$269,100 for the reservoir and \$393,262 for the pumphouse, according to trustee Anne Glazier. Eight bids were submitted, all higher than what had been estimated by the town's engineering firm, A.E. Hodson. Glazier said the price of labor and materials has gone up recently. Funding for AWD's new water system comes from a combination of grants and loans through Rural Development/Rural Utility Services. But because of the high cost of work done so far on the system, including negotiations for property and the drilling of a new well, AWD is also applying for a \$238,000 loan administered by the Department of Human Service's Drinking Water Program, Glazier said. She said it is her understanding that up to 70 percent of that loan could be forgiven. The district expects to break ground on the next phase of the project May 1, weather permitting. Glazier also said a process has been set up for anyone with complaints regarding conduct of the work to file a form through the AWD office.

Library plans walk-a-thon

WOODSTOCK--The Whitman Memorial Library will hold the first Annual Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 9 a.m. at the library. The event is a fundraiser for a library expansion project. Anyone who would like to participate in the Walk-A-Thon, or make a donation, is asked to contact Rosalie Poland at 207-674-3230 or the Woodstock Town Office at 207-665-2668. Organizers are asking walkers and contributors to sign up within two weeks to provide a pre-walk count. Participants may choose to walk five miles, or one mile. The event is part of an overall effort to raise \$20,000 before July, in order to obtain a matching donation offered by Stephen and Tabitha King. The Kings have already contributed \$40,000 to the expansion fund.

Budget ready to hit the road

The SAD44 School Board Monday approved the following items to be included in the proposed FY'99 budget: double busing (cost: \$4,500); field trips (\$13,000); activity bus (\$8,000); art (\$20,150); instrumental music (\$36,150); educational technician for middle school in-house suspension (\$13,000); funds for technology support, contingency fund and collective bargaining (\$180,000); multi-age classrooms at Andover Elementary School (savings: approximately \$116,000).

School directors' recommended budget is approximately \$10,000 less than the draft \$7.25 million package first proposed by the administration.

The board will hold its first workshop for individual towns Monday, March 9 at the Town Office in Greenwood. Other workshops are scheduled for Andover (March 10, 7 p.m., AES), Woodstock (March 12, 7 p.m., WES), Newry (March 16, 7 p.m., Town Office), Bethel (March 17, 7 p.m., CPS).

Caucuses

HANOVER REPUBLICANS

Richard Burns, chairman of the Hanover Republican Committee, has issued a call to Hanover Republicans to caucus at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, at his home, 16 Homestead Lane.

The purpose of the caucus is to allow registered Republican voters to elect delegates and alternates to represent Hanover Republicans at the 1998 Republican State Convention at the Augusta Civic Center on May 29 and 30.

Other business will include organization of the Hanover Republican Committee and the nomination of County Committee members.

All registered Republicans of the town of Hanover are urged to attend.

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"The town caucuses represent the essence of our democracy, where all Republican voters have the privilege to participate and contribute at the most local grassroots level," said Carl Hansen.

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Sleeping employee gets locked in

At 1:50 a.m. on Feb. 27 an employee of a local business called and said that while closing, he noticed an employee sleeping in the back room. The complainant had already set an alarm and was closing the door, and because he didn't know how to reset the alarm, he had to lock the person inside. The manager, he said, was en route. Police and the manager arrived at the scene, and the manager woke the employee.

Saturday, Feb. 28

At 10:45 a.m. a caller reported there was a three-legged dog running loose on her road. She advised the owner was rude about the situation and refused to tie up the animal. The complainant also said it was an ongoing problem. Police contacted the owner and advised the dog should be kept on a leash.

At 8:36 p.m. police responded to the Bog Brook Road to stand by if help was needed by other law enforcement with a multiple-subject fight. Police stayed at the end of the road until cleared to leave by county units.

At 11:35 p.m. police transported Jessica Danforth for the state police, after she was stopped at an OUI detail roadblock on Route 2. She had an outstanding warrant for arrest for failure to appear in court.

Monday, March 2

At 3 p.m. a caller reported the Bird Hill Road was so muddy that it was almost impassable. The complainant also said there were subjects who were using the area as a mud run for their vehicles.

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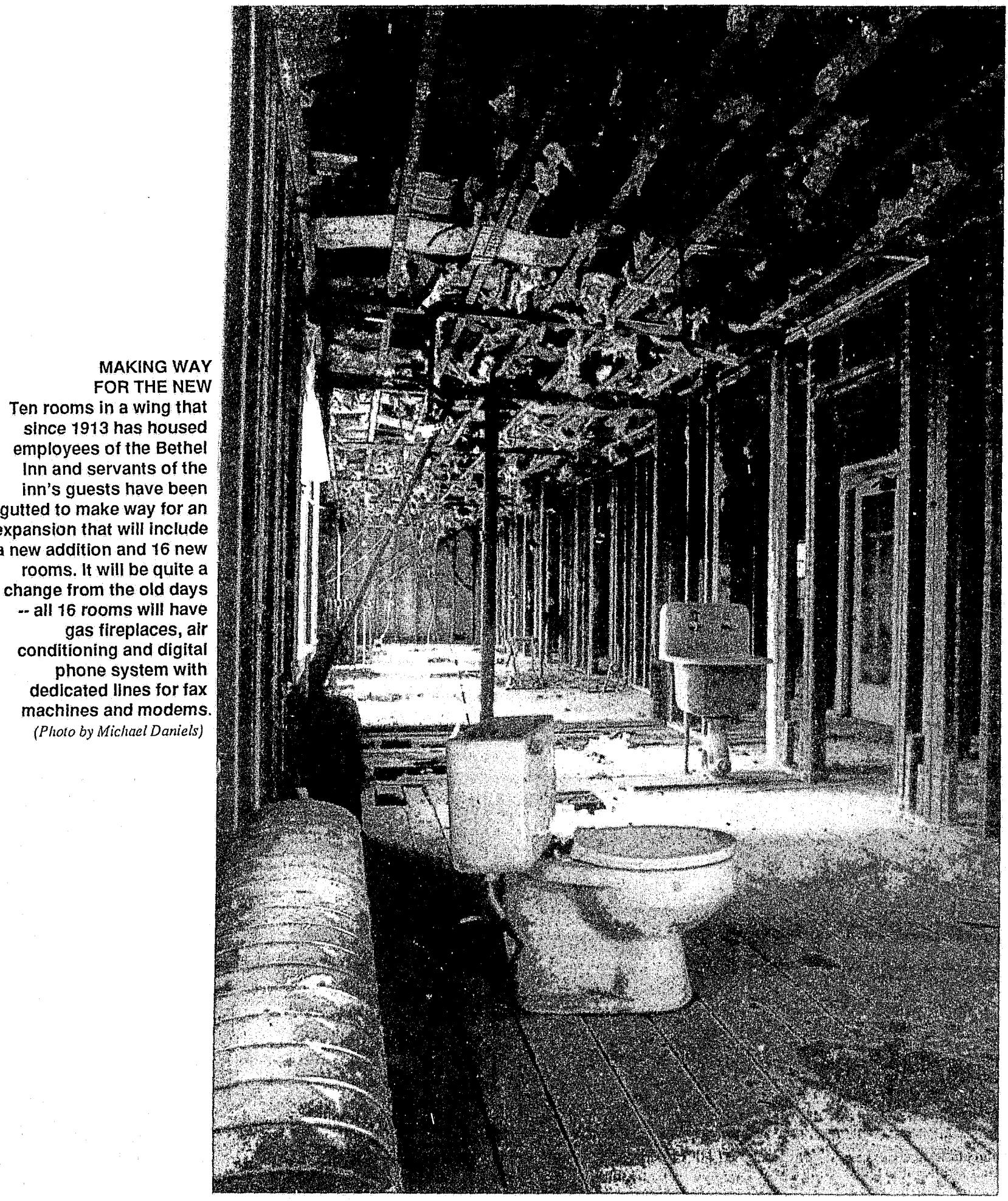
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The Summit Hotel

at Sunday River

Andover

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Hutchins is running for her seat again because, she said, "I enjoy people and I enjoy the work it entails."

Regarding issues facing the town, Hutchins said long-term improvements to town roads are of particular concern to her. At the same time, she said, holding the line on expenses is also important.

Proposed budget is up

Voters will also have several big-ticket budget items to decide when they gather Saturday.

If all the money articles in this year's proposed municipal budget are approved, taxpayers can expect an estimated four- to five-mil increase on their tax rate.

The individual items in the proposed budget have not yet been added up for a total budget figure. The estimated impact on the mil rate, provided by selectman Dick Plantier, does not include school and county tax assessments.

The bulk of the increase, he said, would come from approval of several articles that, if approved, would raise money to correct a \$67,000 error in the 1997 tax commitment computation; pave sections of three roads.

The impact of last year's tax commitment error, he said, may be moderated by a greater-than-expected receipt of excise taxes.

The roadwork would total \$92,000. Three sections of road on the Wyman Hill Road, East Andover Road and South Arm Road would be paved.

The first two roads are in poor condition, said Plantier. The South Arm Road pavement had previously been ground up and made into a gravel surface in preparation for repaving.

The other significant new item would be \$10,000 to reestablish an account for future truck purchases, as recommended by Fire Chief Ken Dixon.

Fire hydrants, fire station

A recommended \$15,000 for the annual fire hydrant rental fee from the Andover Water District would drop the cost to taxpayers by \$4,000 -- but it will likely draw opposition from the 120 water system users.

The town last year paid \$19,000, and has paid as much as \$20,000 in the past.

"We've always paid the maximum amount (under Public Utility Commission regulations)," said Brian Mills, selectman chair. "We're looking for a break. It's a tough year, money-wise."

If approved, the \$15,000 would increase the water rate to users by about 30 percent, according to AWD trustee Anne Glazier.

In other issues to be decided Saturday, another article related to the Fire Department would not require funding, but would

research the possibility of replacing the East Andover Fire Station.

The 1961 truck currently housed there is not worth fixing, according to Dixon, but the small fire house is not large enough to hold a newer truck.

The article proposes establishing a committee to study the issue and bring a recommendation to the town by Aug. 1.

For the regular operation of the Fire Department, selectmen are recommending \$22,500 -- up from last year's \$18,690. The Budget Committee is recommending \$20,000.

In addition, \$1,500 is requested to purchase two mobile radios for the department.

The recommendation by both selectmen and Budget Committee for operating the Andover Public Library is \$22,108 -- up from \$18,848 in 1997. The librarian is requesting more hours to get the library work completed.

The recommendation for the winter roads account is \$50,000 by selectmen and \$57,000 by the Budget Committee. The latter figure was appropriated for the past year, but was overdrawn by about \$26,000, due in large part to sand and salt needed for the ice storm, Plantier said. Much of that is expected to be reimbursable through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The summer roads account recommendation is \$24,000 by selectmen and \$30,000 by the committee. That account was overdrawn by about \$5,000 last year.

Smaller accounts that include relatively substantial increase requests are cemetery maintenance (to remove a number of dead and dying trees); town building maintenance (primarily heating system repair); and Recreation Committee (including dues to the Black Mountain Recreation Center to provide more entertainment for youngsters).

A total of \$6,400 would be spent on the Town Hall to repair the clock, construct a handicap ramp and paint the trim, if approved.

Townspeople will also consider whether to accept a town road extension to Oak Street, with money to be set in an escrow account until the road meets town standards.

Three percent raises are also proposed for town officials and employees. They received similar increases last year.

In addition to the selectmen's contest, two School Board seats are also up for election. Kelly Scotti is running unopposed for her seat, as is Kathleen Glover, who is running to fill out the one year left on the term of Rick Mills. Glover was appointed several months ago when Mills resigned.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m. at the Town Hall.

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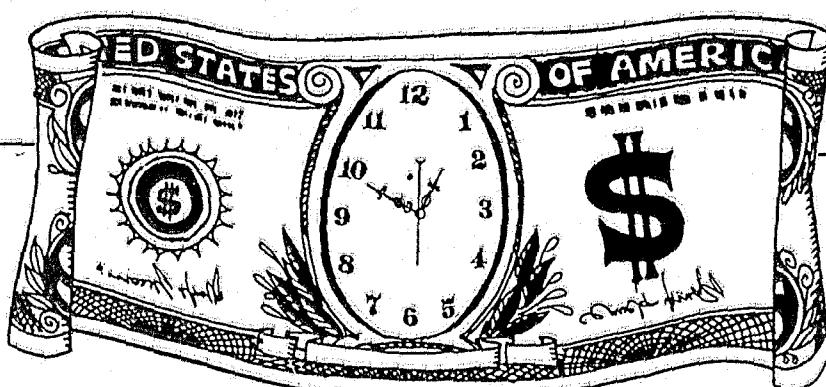
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was inadvertently left off the warrant. He had been appointed to serve until Town Meeting following the resignation of Debbie Gilbert. Cowin was appointed by selectmen Tuesday to serve until next year's annual meeting.

Selectmen Wendy Hanscom also made an appeal to townspeople for volunteers to serve on the Planning Board. Anyone interested is asked to contact the Town Office.

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Chapman Hill

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of both roads in attendance, Howard Chapman made his extended family's argument for keeping their name on the road sign.

Chapman Hill Road has gone by that name for about 100 years, he said. "Historic and emotional ties to names and places, buildings, streets, I think are, and should be, important," said Chapman. "My forebears lived there. People who live on Chapman Hill Road are Chapmans, for the most part."

He also argued that the names Chapman Hill Road and Chapman Street are dissimilar enough to prevent confusion on a 911 call.

Appeals board chairman Harry Faulkner agreed. He had spoken to Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp, he said, who told him the names were not confusing. And, said Faulkner, residents on both roads had indicated they "felt adequately protected" under the current names.

Putnam reminded the board that to justify granting a variance, town ordinance requires evidence that "undue hardship" would be created by a name change.

One of the required criteria for defining undue hardship is that any

property involved "cannot yield a reasonable return unless a variance is granted."

But, said Faulkner, he has objected to the concept of undue hardship in the past, and still does.

People, he said, "almost have to be left in the street bleeding to prove undue hardship," he said. "If you've lived on a street that has been named for your family for a billion years, I can't resist the temptation to call that undue hardship."

Board member Dennis Doyon later made a motion to grant the appeal based not on hardship, but on the reasoning that the road names are dissimilar enough as they are. It passed unanimously.

Chandler Hill vs. Chapman Hill

The issue may not be settled there, however. Putnam told the board that after he went through the renaming process with Chapman Hill Road and Chapman Street, a question arose regarding possible confusion between Chapman Hill Road and Chandler Hill Road.

On that point he found support on the board. "I agree with you 100 percent there is a definite conflict,"

said Doyon. "That would be a tough one, especially over a radio ... one of those may definitely have to be changed because they're a lot closer."

Putnam said he would have to start the whole process over -- and probably end up back at the Appeals Board.

Chapman Street

Howard Chapman, in arguing his road's case, raised an issue regarding Chapman Street's name that Putnam will also probably pursue.

The street ends in a sharp curve where the same pavement then becomes Mason Street. That, said Chapman, is confusing. "People don't know where one road ends and the other begins," he said. If a name needed changing, he said, it was Chapman Street.

Faulkner agreed, saying that situation does violate a section of Bethel's 911 ordinance stipulating each road in town should have the same name throughout its entire length. Putnam said he would approach Chapman Street residents again about a possible change.

Liens

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municipal bodies) it was the project developers who were ultimately responsible for paying any costs not covered by the federal funds.

But lawyers for the developers have argued that Bethel Station should be released from the suits.

In motions filed in superior court, they claim the limited partnership did not enter into written agreement with Hodson to perform the services, and that Hodson could not assert the rights and interests of the town and the Water District in an effort to recover fees for allegedly providing engineering services to either or both those parties.

Last week, however, Justice Stevens L. Perkins rejected without comment motions to release BSLP from the suit.

The town also claims it has no exposure because it had no contract with Hodson for the work in question.

"The town does not own the money," said attorney Geoff Hole. "There's a number of reasons but the bottom line is that the citizens never voted to contract with Hodson." And without a Town Meeting vote, Hole said, a town cannot incur debt.

Hodson's attorney, Robert Davian of Waterville acknowledges there was no written contract with the town. He said contracts were

drawn up and presented to both the town and the Water District.

"There were two written documents made up at the request of the town and the Water District for services rendered and they were presented to the two entities and for whatever reason, whether it was an oversight or what, the town never signed the written documents and the Water District did."

Davian said he was at a loss as to why the bills were not paid. "I don't know why the engineer was not paid or some effort was not made," he said. "I don't know what the defense is."

Water District superintendent Bob Saunders acknowledges the utility had a signed contract with Hodson, but said: "The case is really just in its formative stage, but the district has paid its contractual obligations to A.E. Hodson, and we feel the remaining amounts are an issue to be settled between the developer, the town and A.E. Hodson."

It is uncertain what effect, if any, the liens will have on the project. BSLP attorney Michael Gentile said no decision has been made about posting a bond for the amounts sought by Hodson, but even without a bond the liens, Gentile said, "are no obstacle to the developer. Whatever we want to do

we will be able to do. Our lenders are not concerned about it at all ... and we have no plans for more financing."

Gentile said BSLP has paid Hodson approximately \$20,000 so far for design and inspection work in the project area. He estimated that an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 was owed to Hodson.

He said the developer has offered to "pay every nickel we owe. ... If they give us a release from all claims tomorrow, we'll write a check."

The financial dispute among the various parties involved in the project -- especially between BSLP and the Bethel Water District -- goes back to the earliest days of the project.

In July 1996 the situation had reached the point where the state Public Utilities Commission was forced to step in and act as referee.

Following a six-hour meeting, the PUC drafted a 10-point agreement between the BSLP and the Water District.

At the meeting representatives of both parties agreed verbally to each of the 10 points, but a year and a half later the document prepared by the PUC mediator has still not been signed by either the Water District or BSLP.

ASC

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from \$61.2 million for the comparable period last year. On a pro forma basis, total revenues increased 23.2 percent to \$115.3 million from \$93.6 million for the same period last year.

Resort revenue (which excludes revenues from real estate operations) for the second quarter increased to \$107.4 million from \$59.4 million in the second quarter of the previous year. Compared with prior year pro forma amounts, resort revenue increased 16.9 percent to \$107.4 million from \$91.9 million.

Real estate revenue for the second quarter increased to \$7.9 million versus \$1.7 million last year. The company attributed that increase to closed sales at two of the company's new quartershare condominium hotels, the Jordan Grand Resort Hotel at Sunday River and the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Attitash. The company will open the Killington Grand Resort Hotel and the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Mount Snow during the third quarter, and close on over \$41.0 million in presold quartershare units at all four properties.

For the second quarter, the company reported earnings from resort operations before interest, income taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("Resort EBITDA") of \$29.6 million versus \$12.7 million for the comparable period last year. On a pro forma basis, Resort EBITDA

increased by 31.2 percent to \$29.6 million over the \$22.5 million reported for the quarter last year. Real Estate EBITDA increased to \$2.7 million from \$8 million for the same period last year.

Exclusive of an extraordinary charge of \$5.1 million associated with the early retirement of various long-term debt, net income for the second quarter was \$6.6 million versus \$.4 million for the prior year, and on a pro forma basis, net income was \$6.6 million versus \$1.4 million for the comparable period last year.

As previously announced, during the second quarter, the company completed its initial public offering of 14.75 million shares, for gross proceeds of \$265.5 million, and successfully acquired both Steamboat in Colorado and Heavenly in California/Nevada. The Canyons in Utah, acquired in July 1997, underwent a massive capital improvement program which was completed in just five months. The resort opened on Dec. 24. Often said, "There is a tremendous buzz about the resort in the skiing community. The added terrain is fantastic and we are very pleased with the growth potential of this world class resort."

The company has completed a full integration of management teams, information systems, and guest services throughout the resort network. On Feb. 11 the company appointed

three of its four independent directors. The fourth director is committed to joining the board before the end of the fiscal year after fulfilling existing obligations. The three directors are: Joel B. Alvord, former chairman of Fleet Financial Group and currently president and managing director of Shawmut Capital Partners, Inc.; Christopher J. Nassetta, executive vice president and chief operating officer for Host Marriott Corp., formerly co-founder of Bailey Capital Corp., a real estate investment and advisory firm; and Gordon Gillies, a former attorney and current faculty member of Hebron Academy.

Pro forma results assume American Skiing Company's initial public offering and the acquisition of Steamboat and Heavenly resorts occurred at the beginning of the period presented, rather than the actual acquisition date of Nov. 12 and the initial public offering date of Nov. 15.

ASC owns and operates Steamboat in Colorado; Killington, Mount Snow and Sugarbush in Vermont; Sunday River and Sugarloaf/USA in Maine; Attitash Bear Peak in New Hampshire; The Canyons in Utah; and Heavenly.

Back in Newry, skier visits at Sunday River "are a little bit behind where we want to be," according to spokesman Mike Bertie, "but in recent weeks visits have begun to pick up again."

each year there has always been mixed feeling among townspeople about social services.

To help lower the amount of money to be raised through taxation, it is being recommended that \$146,604 be appropriated from excise taxes, highway block grants, and the town's undesignated fund balance.

The bottom-line municipal figure of \$397,618 or \$409,818 is about \$88,000 less than the \$486,493 appropriated in 1997.

The selectmen and town clerk, Dian Stimson, however, are reminding the residents that the figure being considered at the Town Meeting is the municipal operating budget only. It does not include the school assessment for SAD17 or the Oxford County tax. Those figures are not available until late spring or early summer, as both agencies operate on a fiscal year, not on a calendar year.

In 1997 the bill for SAD17 was \$425,332 and the county tax came in at \$35,129. Thus, the final amount for 1998 will most likely be in excess of \$900,000, as both those

accounts are expected to increase.

Other than the social services issue it is expected that the most controversial article will be one pertaining to the adoption of a building permit ordinance that has been drafted by the planning board.

The issue will be the latest in several attempts over the past 15 years to get such an ordinance on the books. All past attempts have failed and, at a recent public hearing, little support was given by a handful of residents in attendance.

Also, several articles are expected to draw considerable discussion. Those include an article regarding street name changes to comply with the statewide E-911 emergency call system being installed later this year, the larger highway department request, and the raising of \$4,000 to construct a roof over the fuel tanks at the municipal complex on Kingsbury Street.

Other articles are expected to be mostly cut-and-dried, as they are items that appear each year pertaining to general and miscellaneous business areas.

Prior to considering the budget

and miscellaneous items, the voters will be electing a moderator and officials to fill three municipal posts.

Incumbent Dian Stimson will seek reelection as town clerk, tax collector, treasurer, bookkeeper, and registrar of voters for one year.

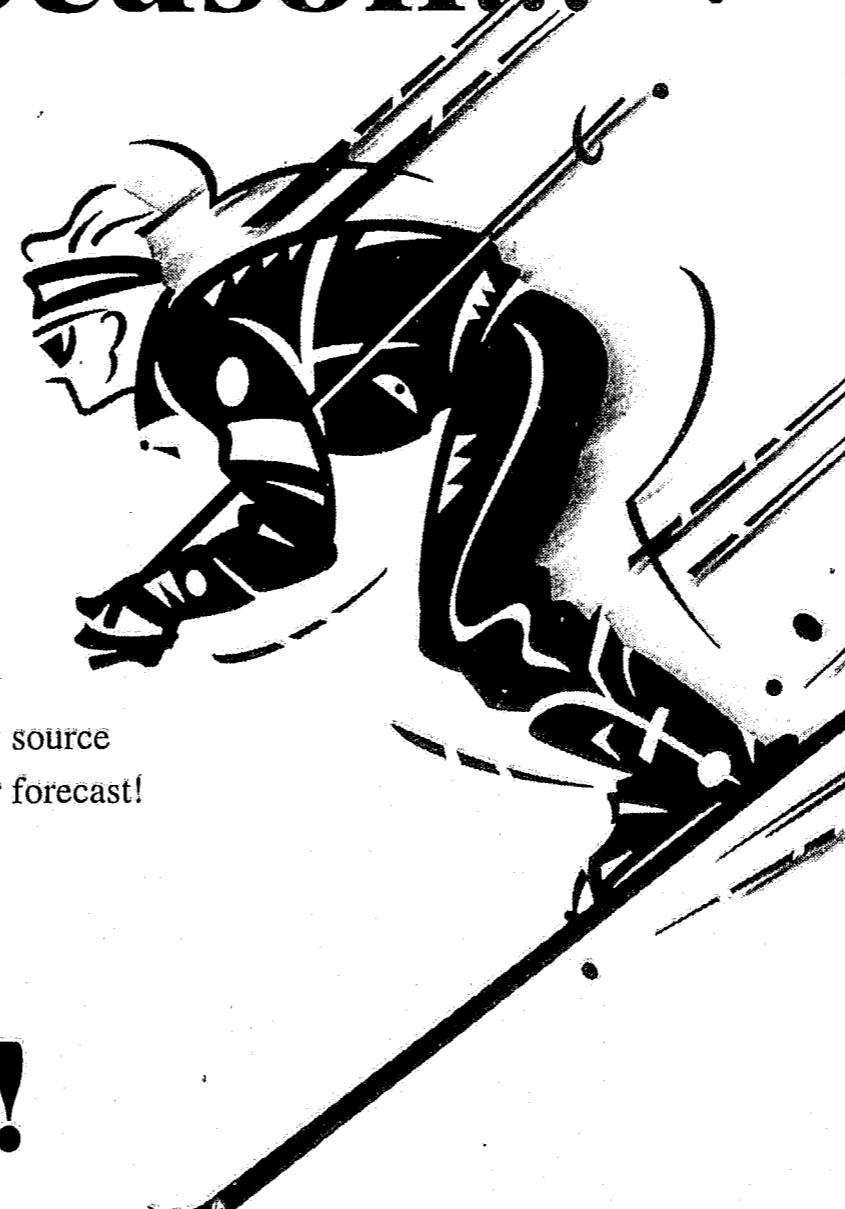
For selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor for three years, six-year veteran James Marshall will be running for a third term in office. He is presently chairman of the board and is active in several state and county governmental organizations, including being chairman of the Oxford County Municipal Officers Association.

The third position involves a director for the West Paris Water District, and Greg Irman will be seeking another three-year term on that board.

All three candidates are running unopposed as far as is known at this time, but there could be last-minute candidates nominated, as all nominations are made from the floor of the assembly at meeting time.

Saturday's meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

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Bethel

by
Virginia Keniston
Danna Nickerson has both watercolor and oils on exhibit at Bethel Library.
Dot Bean has moved to the home of her son, Wayne Bean, in East Bethel.

Ted and Rachel McKnight, Jericho, Vt., spent several days with Bob and Ginny Keniston this past week.

Kay Eames of Cape Elizabeth celebrated her 75th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 28, at a luncheon at Marshview in Scarborough, planned by daughter Bonnie. Those attending were Blake and Rachel MacKay, Dorothy Rollins of Mechanic Falls, Hi and Mary Lou Berry, Bonnie and Keith Bowden, Valerie and Glenn of Massachusetts. Following luncheon they returned to Kay's home for cake and ice cream.

Hugh "Cubby" Swan, Musa Brown's brother, is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

World Day of Prayer will be held at the Methodist Church on Friday at 2 p.m. The service was written by the Women of Madagascar, entitled "Who is my Neighbor." All are welcome.

Rodney and Gerry Howe and daughter Sue visited Rosalind Chapman at Stephens Memorial Hospital on Monday. Rolly fractured her hip last week.

Don Stanley and son Warren of South Portland were recent luncheon guests of his sister and husband, Gerry and Rodney Howe.

Albert Raymond is living at a boarding home in Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chase and two daughters of Kingston, N.H., visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robertson several times this past week while spending their vacation week skiing in the Bethel area.

The Boy Scouts went on a Winter Campout at Concord Pond two weekends ago, with five boys and three adults participating. Because of 10-degree weather, they stayed in a cabin, cooked their own meals, cleaned up, etc. They built model rockets and shot them off on the ice -- this was concerned with their space exploration badge.

The Boy Scouts meet Sunday evenings at the West Parish Congregational Church. Darren Tripp was guest at this last Sunday's meeting and talked to the troop on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Two Cub Scouts, Jordan Cummings and Doug Swan, crossed over and joined the Boy Scout group on Sunday evening.

The Blue and Gold Banquet of the Cub Scouts was held Saturday, Feb.

28, at Crescent Park School. All boys at Christmas time had received kits of rockets, cars and boats. These were on show at this meeting. The Arrow of Light was presented to Jordan Cummings and Doug Swan.

Tuesday night was Badge Night and supper, with the Brownie Scouts preparing supper at West Parish Congregational Church. The Junior Girl Scouts and families were invited to attend. There are 26 Brownies and 21 Junior Girl Scouts. Leaders are Linda Gamble, Tammy Davis and "Sunny" Brown.

Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Lorrie Knowles of Dixfield is visiting her sister, Eva Lane, at the Bethel House.

Judy Gagnon and daughter Nicole of Cumberland Center, Tom Russell of Bryant Pond and Margaret Quillian of Hanover were all recent visitors of Irene Russell at the Bethel House.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bartlett of Locke Mills were recent visitors of his mother, Helena Bartlett, at the Bethel House.

Vada Glover of Taggart Road, Rumford, spent the day with Ruth Cummings last Thursday. They went to Ames and Wal-Mart, had a chicken pie dinner at Shancers and played cribbage when at Ruth's apartment. Now at 623 games and Ruth is only three ahead of Vada.

"Yesterday's nest egg will hardly buy today's bird house."

"A man is rich according to what he is and not what he has."

"What counts is not what hours you put in, but what you put into the hours."

Communion was observed last Sunday at the Bethel Alliance Church. The Rev. Mowery's message was "Mercy Mercy." Among the hymns were "Calvary Covers it All" and "Near the Cross."

The Bethel Alliance Church ladies will present Women of the Bible on March 8 in the afternoon at the Casco Alliance Church.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer

Richard and Pat Kimball visited Mellen Kimball at Ledgeview recently.

On March 1, Richard and Pat Kimball visited Stan and Rita Taylor in Gorham for dinner.

George Bethel, son of George and Barbara Bethel passed his exams for a pharmacy license and now has a job in Maine as a pharmacist.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington

on March 1.

Florence Hastings returned home on Feb. 22 from her travels. She spent two weeks in Longboat Key, Fla., with Ginny Gamble of Hanover, N.H., and Mary Alice Bancroft of Newry. She left with Dave and Ann Morton of Hanover on Feb. 15 for Longmont, Colo., where they visited Chris and Pam Lowinski and their new baby. Florence enjoyed her trips to both places.

Lisa Haines made the honors list at U.M.F. for the fall semester.

Neil Olson celebrated his birthday in early February. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Aube and their son of Portland, along with 40 friends, helped him celebrate.

Polly Smith attended a surprise birthday party at the Chicken Coop on Feb. 28 for Gary Smith.

Jack Chappie went ice fishing in Millinocket on Feb. 28. He didn't say if he caught anything.

West Bethel

by Karen Jordan

Fred has a passion for collecting "stuff" and with Yard Sale Season approaching I

know where we will be. Weekends are prime time hours for scouting out deals and buying other's cast-off stuff. I'm not saying this is a challenge for Fred; there are many who look upon this season with hope and joy.

My friend Judy is also an enthusiast when it comes to a good deal. She and Fred have discussed traveling together to prowl and examine merchandise.

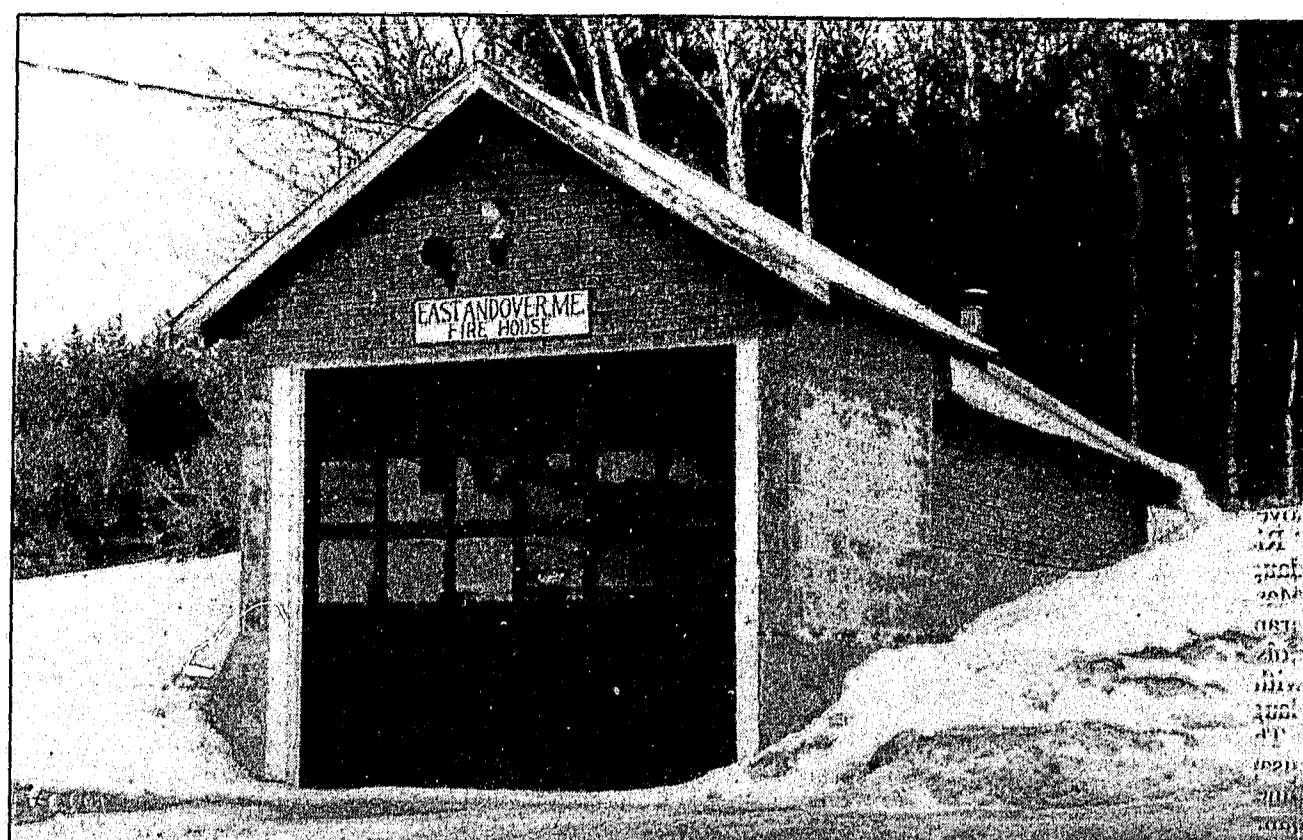
I traveled to Portland with Judy one day and it was a test of physical endurance. I will admit, I move at a moderate speed and am usually in no great rush to spend my money or make a decision. Judy, on the other hand, would spot a sale, and with almost an exact driving style to Fred's, would abruptly decide to take a gander around the sale to see if anything was to her liking or need. The quick movements of a consumer are similar to a hungry predator who needs to act quickly or lose a meal. So, the hawk swoops down and as she approaches her prey, she scoops it with her talons and departs with the spoils.

Before I am around the first rack of sweaters, my friend has examined, collected, bargained, and made change; she's headed for the car with, "Take your time," streaming from her lips. I take what seems to be an eternity, lasting five seconds, and guiltily return to the car so as not to hold up the hunt.

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TIGHT QUARTERS--The East Andover Fire House is too small to house a fire truck newer than the 1981 model currently stored there. At Saturday's annual Town Meeting, voters will decide whether to establish a committee to study options for replacing the station.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Don't get me wrong, I do understand the need to shop and eventually I, too, get geared up to prowl and recover goods which others are tossing out. I am just more moderate at the approach. I don't always know what I'm looking for even when it's right in front of me. Being an introvert and artistic-type to boot, I really enjoy the sport of watching others spin their wheels and spend their money. They get such pleasure from reclaiming unused stuff, or, just piling it beside the sofa.

Megan and Jayme Mack are home with the chicken pox this week. Randi Mack has had them already and is back in school.

March birthdays being celebrated are: Derek Leonard, Mary Ellen Hadley, Jim Miclon, Harold Wilbur, Michael Scott Moore, Patty Thurlow, Leslie Thurlow, Mark Thurlow, Patty Poland, Darcy Robertson and Natasha Poland. Happy day to you all. An extra special birthday wish to one of my favorite granddaughters, Jessie Hart, who turned 17 on March 2.

Larry Billings, curator Woodstock Historical Society, reports that at the February meeting of the society Ruth Cox held a silent auction. Curator Billings had some sprays of orchids in the museum, and the president, Barbara Hathaway, gave a box of chocolates as a door prize for Valentine's Day. Donations came from Helvi Cary, Barbara Hathaway, and Mary Billings. Pictures were taken of the quilt from the library. Nancy Willard attended. Curator Billings has given a book called "Upstairs At The White House and a child's puzzle to the museum. President Barbara Hathaway keeps meetings of the society running smoothly. Mr. Billings reports on the collections in the museum.

Quote of the week: I've learned that when your friends begin to compliment you about looking young, you know you must be looking old."

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt

Today, Thursday, is Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens at the Town Annex.

The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m., dinner at noon is potluck. Each one is to bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert and your own place setting. There will be a silent auction after the dinner. Please bring an item for the auction. Everyone is welcome.

Visitors at Ken Hoyt's school vacation week were Marybeth Hooyer and Shawn Crockett.

Bob and Gwenn Hoyt called on Ken and Alice Hoyt and Bealtie Farnum on Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Wayne Redman and Leona Farnum. Also sympathy to Susan Rosenberg and family in the loss of her mother.

The Bryant Pond Hour on Channel IV TV is Wednesday at 3 p.m., Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. Good News Club meets every Tuesday evening 6 to 7:15 at the Baptist Church Annex.

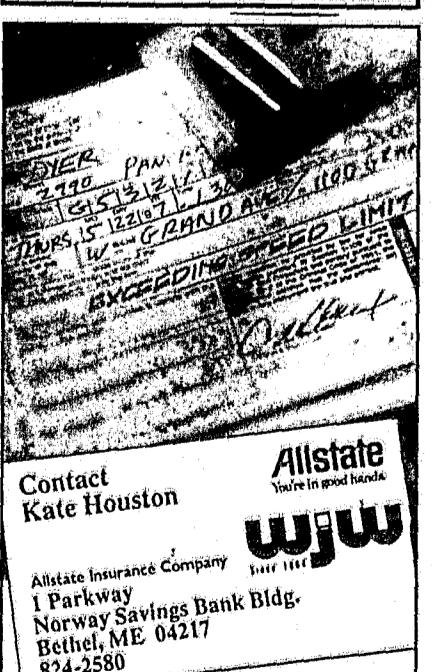
The Historical Society holds a distinguished place in our area. Its museum is quite remarkable and its membership is extremely dedicated. You, too, can make a contribution to this unique organization. Join and contribute to the society's success as it faces the challenges in the years ahead. Society meetings are the second Saturday of each month, 7 p.m. at the museum.

The next meeting will feature a program by Androscoggin Home Health Services. The Historical Society recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of Western Civilization. It encourages people to learn to appreciate them.

The society museum tries to include examples of fine craftsmanship. Consider its large collection of quilts, for example, or its antiques.

Curator Larry Billings has given a child's puzzle and a book to the society. Society members enjoy sharing their interests with others. Public service is important to them.

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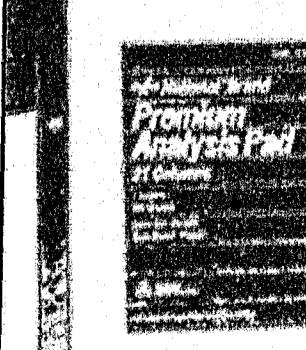
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Songo Pondby
Alice Kimball

Did anyone in this area get a glimpse of the solar eclipse Thursday? I was disappointed that it was too cloudy here to see it.

Last Friday with Norma Salway we went to Portland. We met Kassi and Kaity Gatchell and Brandon and Tara Salway and baby son Kyle at a local restaurant and enjoyed a family dinner together.

Richie and Steven Eamis and daughter Amanda of Shrewsbury, Mass., visited their parents and grandparents, Robert and Donna Folsom, last week. Enjoying skiing with them was another granddaughter Lynde Folsom.

The Olympics are over again, disappointing to me because of the time changes between here and Japan.

"Juvenile delinquency" is the result of parents trying to train children without starting at the bottom.

Sunday River Valley

by
Rockie Graham

I hope everyone enjoyed Town Meeting. I couldn't get out of work. My new director wants to run Adult Ed. as a business and as a city person doesn't understand Town Meeting and its importance to democracy.

Clogging has resumed use of the Grange Hall and is held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for beginners and 6 to 7:30 p.m. for everyone. All are welcome.

The Recreation Committee is sponsoring a sleigh ride and ski on Friday, March 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center. It is free for Newry residents and open to all. Sounds like a great time to me, and I might even make it. Hopefully, we'll get more snow before then and conditions will feel more ski-like.

This weekend was my much delayed birthday celebration. Just as we got ready to ski/snowshoe/sled, the sun came out and it was just beautiful. And there was plenty of good food -- I love potlucks when everyone is a good cook. It's even better when people know me and try to bring food that I can actually eat. That's not always easy, I'm allergic to several basic foods. In any case, many managed and it was great. All loved my wheat-free, dairy-free, white sugar-free chocolate zucchini

cake, I love it, too, but am always surprised that young people like it because I only use honey and not very much of that so it isn't too sweet.

On another front, it looks like mud season at our house, and we don't have a very long driveway. I'm assuming it is worse elsewhere. Seems a little early to me, but it's been a warm winter, so ... I'm still waiting for our minimal of one-per-year 18-inchers. We haven't gotten it yet and I can't believe we won't. I'd rather have it in March than in April, but I don't have a say. It will come when it will.

See you all next week.

Andoverby
Karen McKay

Wendy Green would ask the voters of Andover to consider her on the ballot for the selectman's seat as a write-in. "There is a lot of work to do in the next three years," Wendy stated. "I have sat with selectmen every Tuesday evening for four years now, and I would like my voice to count for a vote in the decision-making process."

Greenwood Cityby
Colista Morgan

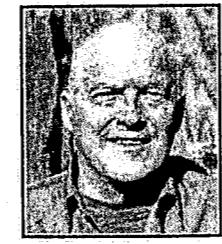
When I stood in my driveway this week and looked around, it was hard to believe it was February, with so little snow. But as I looked into the summer, I could see country roads I had traveled. Nothing quite matches the deep satisfaction of traveling such old roads, now overgrown -- but once these roads reverberated to the clatter of stagecoaches on the run. Thinking that way gives one an adventurous feeling of exploration, constant alarms, violence and areas of tar and pollution.

Perhaps it was the silent remoteness that was conducive to my thoughts. It may have been the wind rattling the dry leaves or the sound of a woodpecker nearby that brought me back to my real thoughts again. Either way, I decided it was time to return to my inside rooms.

The snowmobilers still enjoy their rides on the pond, and the fishermen test their luck for bass. They have fun, too.

I have had letters from the Inmans but not since the big storm

there. We presume no news is good news. We tried for a message but did not get any contact.

Mason Townshipby
Richard Grover

Mona and I are home after a week in Las Vegas; and we're not broke either! Every time I go there, I marvel at the pace of construction, both of the massive (and innovative) new hotels and of new housing developments, rapidly covering acres of desert in all directions from the city. It's interesting to consider that many of the new hotels have 2,000 to 4,000 rooms each, any one of them (hotels) big enough to house all the residents of Bethel under one roof. At the present there are at least three more big hotels under construction along The Strip alone.

The most interesting thing about the new hotels, besides the gambling, is that each one puts a lot of attention on attractions with a particular theme. For example, Treasure Island has a large lagoon on the street side with replicas of a British man-of-war sailing ship and a pirate ship which conduct gun battles every few hours, complete with cannon fire, smoke, fire, and the sinking of the British ship. Some of those guys fall into the water, even when the air temp is in the 30's. Brr!

The Mirage hotel has a large lagoon complete with waterfalls on the street side, and they have a volcano erupt on top of the waterfall every 15 minutes from dark to midnight, the eruption fired by natural gas lines under the water. Inside, they have live white tigers, an atrium complete with full-size palm trees and lots of blooming orchids, and in the back a huge swimming pool, a dolphin tank and white tiger habitat where Siegfried and Roy breed and train the rare tigers.

The Excalibur hotel has a medieval theme, the exterior looking like a multi-hued storybook where teams of knights on horseback conduct jousting matches while you eat and cheer yourself hoarse at the horsemen and Merlin the magician.

The Luxor is a huge, black glass-covered pyramid, with an ancient Egyptian theme. When new, it boasted canal boat rides on a lower level, which took guests on a tour of the hotel shops, many of which simulated various Cleopatra-style motifs. The boat ride is now being moved outside, I'm told, although we did not get to that hotel on this trip.

There are several hotels with full-size roller coaster rides which begin inside and then go up around and in

and out of the hotels. The Stratosphere even has a small "coaster" atop its 800-plus foot high restaurant tower and also another ride that shoots occupants straight up a vertical shaft at the very pinnacle of the tower. There are the New York New York hotel, Circus-Circus, the Venetian (presently under construction), and, or course, the largest, MGM Grand, complete with a large amusement park behind and bungee-jumping arch, as well as a monorail train which takes guests on a free ride the mile, or so, to Bally's hotel. Another hotel under construction is the Paris, complete with a one-third scale Eiffel Tower. There are also many more hotels, too numerous to mention here.

The most hotel and casino owners have numerous ways to separate you and your money when you visit. Primary, of course, is gambling, with more types of slot machines than one can count, and just about every other way to wager that you can

think of. If you win at gambling, then you're expected to visit many of the hotel restaurants and shops, where you can spend your winnings on everything from refrigerator magnets to tee shirts to outfits by Gucci and souvenirs of every type. They even have arcades to get your kids' money, while they are getting yours. Las Vegas is a one-of-a-kind place; you ought to see it at least once.

East Stonehamby
Eleanor Nelson
Shirley Grant
from Mechanic Falls spent the past weekend with Frances Grant.

Royce Grant is back to work at C.B. Cummings after being out and having an operation at Stephens

Memorial Hospital. Troy Nelson is at home from the Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery.

Five boys from Boy Scout Troop 155 went to Klondike Derby at Camp Hinds on Saturday, the 21st. They had a good time and placed third for sled design. They had to build a fire, boil water, tie knots, blindfolded and build a friction bridge and use map and compass. They did okay.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m., the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hannah F. Richardson Tent 19, met at the home of Eleanor Nelson. There were eight members and one guest present. Under unfinished business, guide and historian, Lesley Dean; junior vice president, Eleanor Smith; and color bearer 2, Heidi Shugars were installed by Past

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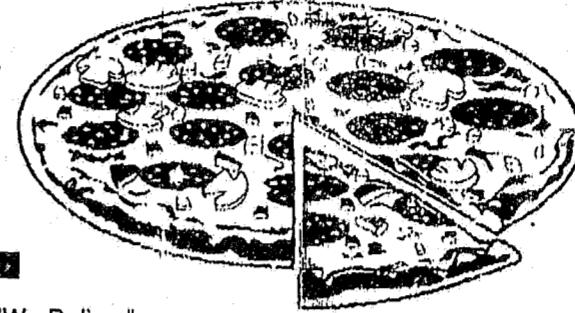
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Department President and National Senior Vice President Gail Butterfield.

At this meeting, looking ahead, plans were made for an indoor yard sale and bake sale as a fundraiser, to take place on Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please mark your calendar and try to attend. This will be a public sale. More information will be coming on that at a later date. Refreshments were served by members after the meeting. Carolyn Heino won the mystery prize and Eleanor Smith won the door

prize. The next meeting will be held at the home of Carolyn Heino on March 26.

Don't forget the Stoneham Town Meeting on Saturday, March 7, at the Fire Station Community Room. There's going to be some changes made, so come on over and vote. It will make a difference.

Oh, by the way, I did get a dozen beautiful red roses last Saturday. Thanks, Albert. It's been a good 48 years. And, we're lucky to have a daughter-in-law in the florist business -- huu, Carole.

Albert's, Carolyn's and Geneva's Aunt Josephine and Uncle Roland McAllister celebrated their 70th anniversary recently at the

Ledgeview Nursing Home with relatives and friends. Congratulations, Aunt Jo and Uncle Roland.

North Newry



by Gil Seeley

It sure was Karlene Bachelder's week, who was celebrating her 70th birthday.

First, her daughter Heidi and husband Arlan Littlefield and children, Julie and Jodi, and nephew Josh Littlefield came to the Bachelder's with cake and ice cream on Sunday. Then

Tuesday, it was Sylvia Gray, Beth Bean, Olive Anderson and Gil Seeley treating Karlene with gifts and cake and ice cream in the afternoon. Then at night it was Polly Mahoney and Kevin Slater for supper and more ice cream and cake. Wednesday it was celebrated at Freddie's Restaurant with Patti Gregg, Eleanor Davis and Gil Seeley, where Karlene got another little cake with one candle. Then Thursday Sis Post took Karlene and me to lunch to celebrate again. Well, I don't have any other news for this week, I hope Karlene can rest up after this busy week. Happy Birthday. She even made the front page of the Bethel Citizen.

Bowling at Oxford Lanes in Rumford were Karlene Bachelder, Gil Seeley and Eleanor Davis. On the first string, Karlene beat Gil by six pins, on the second string Gil beat Karlene by three pins, but on the third string, Karlene had a score of 106, so she ended up with the high singles and triples. She had one strike and one spare. Gil had one spare.

The Newry Mothers Club will meet Monday night, March 9, at 7:30 at the Town Building with Laura Lowell and Patti Lowell on the refreshments and Sylvia Wight is to bring the Mystery Prize. A bingo game will be played during the social hour. Bring prizes.

High Street



West Paris by Russell Yates. It is just cloudy here at 7:15 a.m., this Tuesday morning, the 24th day of February, but the weather report tells us that a bad storm is approaching. I just hope that it's mostly snow and no tornadoes like they experienced in parts of Florida recently. Let's face it, compared to some other places,

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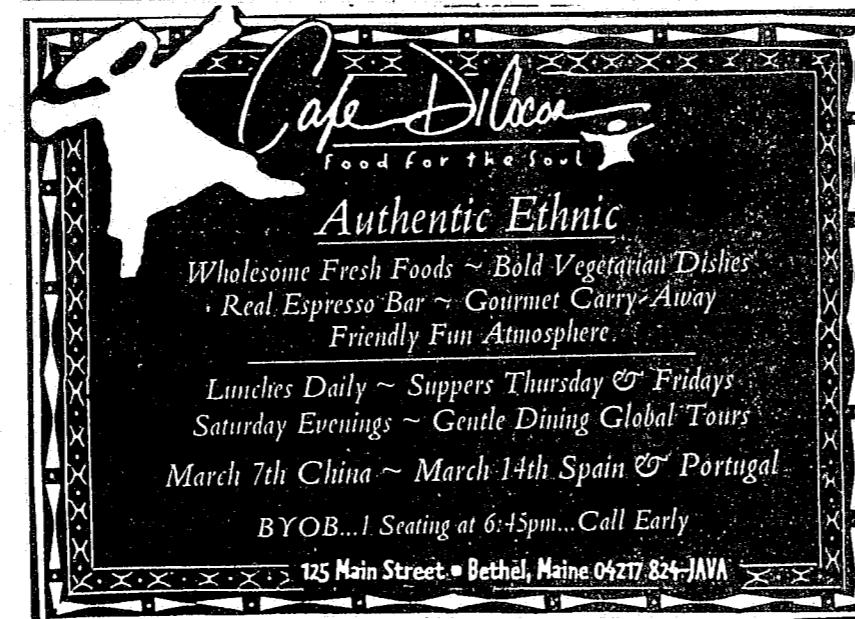
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READ ACROSS AMERICA - AND ACROSS SAD44 - The fifth-grade class at Crescent Park Elementary School was invited to Telstar Middle School Monday in observance of Read Across America Day. Each fifth-grader was paired with an eighth-grader, and the students shared a favorite book with each other. After reading excerpts from the books, the pairs discussed them and drew illustrations. Shown here are (from left) eighth-grader Jeremy Dunham, fifth-grader Jordan Bennett and eighth-grader Rebecca Swan. In another activity, approximately 50 students from both the high and middle schools participated in a Rockin' Read-A-Thon in the Telstar Library. Students rocked in rocking chairs and read for 15 minutes each. They also received raffle tickets to be entered in a prize drawing, including a gift certificate to Books 'N Things. Meanwhile, at CPS, principal David Murphy dressed up as The Cat in the Hat and read to kindergartners in observance of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. THS and TMS students also traveled to CPS to read with the younger children.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Gould wins prep ski championship

With the conclusion of last week's nordic jumping event, the Gould Academy men's ski team edged out Holderness School to take the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) Division I Ski Championship title.

The NEPSAC ski championship event is a combination of alpine race, nordic race and jumping. On Feb. 11, the boys' alpine team from Gould won both the giant slalom and slalom races, as all five members of the team finished in the top six of each discipline.

Drew Drummond '98 finished first in both events, while brother Ben '99 finished third in both. Brett Harvey '98 enjoyed a fourth place

finish in the SL and GS; Eben Sullivan '98 was fifth in the GS and sixth in the SL; and Noah Siebeck-Smith '99 was sixth in the GS and fifth in the SL.

The boys' cross-country events were held on Feb. 18 in Woodford, Vt. The Gould team finished in third place overall, Eamonn Donovan '99 had Gould's top finish in third place, while Jeff Costello '98 took 16th, Dustin Rice '98 21st, and Preston Stowell '98 24th.

In nordic jumping, Gould finished third to Proctor Academy in first and Holderness in second. Gould's top finishers were Matt Macko '00 in fourth, Ben Drummond '98 in seventh, and Patrick Donovan '01

in ninth.

The Gould Academy girls' ski team came in second place overall despite a convincing win of the alpine race event, in which Christa Goodman '98 won the slalom race and Eva Cardova '98 the giant slalom, and a second place finish in the cross-country event, in which Lindsey Moloney '98 had Gould's top place finish in fourth.

The New England Prep School Division I Athletic Conference is made up of independent secondary schools throughout New England, including Holderness School, Deerfield Academy, Northfield Mount Hermon, Saint Paul's School and others.

Prizes will be awarded to the highest individual and highest team fundraisers. All prizes have been donated by Oxford County businesses.

This year's statewide corporate sponsor for the Maine Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids Sake" is Shop 'n Save. On the local level, any business or organization can be program, event or lane sponsors to support the bowl-a-thons.

For more information, call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County at 743-2991.

"Bowl for Kids Sake" will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters agency

"Bowl for Kids Sake," the largest annual fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County, will take place March 21 and 22 at the Oxford Hills Bowling Center in South Paris and on March 28 at the Oxford Lanes in Rumford. The fundraiser provides at least half of the agency's annual budget. All money raised stays with the local agency, which serves children in Oxford County.

Community businesses and individuals can support "Bowl for Kids Sake" by organizing teams of four to six people, collecting pledges

and scheduling a time to bowl. Each team member gets a pledge sheet and collects contributions prior to bowling. "Bowl for Kids Sake" T-shirts are awarded to bowlers with pledges totaling at least \$25; sweatshirts are given to bowlers with at least \$100 in pledges. This year an additional prize will be given to all bowlers as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. All bowlers who bring in their pledge money on the day of the event will be eligible for a night at the Samoset Resort, which once again donated the grand prize.

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Agnes Gray School Notes from



by Marta Clements

We have recovered from the effects of the ice storm, and almost everyone has returned from February vacation healthy and ready to work again. All classes enjoyed our annual Klondike Derby, which was held the Friday afternoon before vacation. The kindergarten and first grade participated with everyone and had a fantastic time. Thanks to all who helped us out.

Please make note of the following dates for the month of March.

On Friday, March 6, the fourth grade will be having a pizza party to celebrate the time and effort spent on their MEA testing!

Tuesday, March 10, will be the next Parent Volunteer Meeting.

At the last meeting we officially established officers. Donna DiConzo is president; Robyn Sessions, vice-president; Lisa Latino, secretary; and Marta Clements, treasurer. All of us need help from every other volunteer, so come to the meeting, or get in touch with any of us with your ideas.

The first fundraiser of the spring will be selling products from The House of Lloyd. There are many nice things that can be ordered, so be watching for students and their parents! We are planning to do this the first two weeks in March.

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Your tax bill in 1998 could vary from last year's tax for many reasons. If you or your spouse get a new job or leave a job this year, your income may change. New tax credits available in 1998, such as the \$400 child credit, the HOPE scholarship credit, or the lifetime learning credit may reduce your 1998 tax liability. If your income decreases or is true if your income rises, you may be able to lower your tax withholding or quarterly payments and put more money in your pocket now. The opposite is true if your income rises. In that case, you may have to increase your withholding or quarterly tax payments.

If you make quarterly tax payments, you should be aware of two changes in the requirements for 1998 made by last year's tax law. Under prior law, if your income was greater than \$150,000, the prior-year safe harbor rule required that your estimated tax payments and withholding add up to 10% of your prior year's tax liability. Under current law, you'll meet that safe harbor requirement by paying only 100% of your 1997 tax. Also, prior law required estimated tax payments if your total tax was \$500 or more. Now, if your total tax liability is less than \$1,000, you don't have to make any estimated tax payments.

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At College

AT NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE

Bethany Howe, daughter of Wayne and Marilyn Howe of Bryant Pond, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at New England College in Henniker, N.H. She is in an accelerated program to complete a four-year Bachelor's degree in three years.

Howe, a kinesiology major, also played for the college's Division III field hockey team. As a forward starter, she contributed to NEC's Commonwealth Coast Conference championship. She was named conference Rookie of the Year and was also selected MVP and an All-Star Bachelor's degree in three years.

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Activities

Boston Flower Show Bus Tour--from Bethel via Maine Line Tours, Saturday, March 14. For information call 824-2228.

Tuesdays--Clogging at Newry Grange. Beginners start at 5:30 p.m. and continue with experienced cloggers from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No charge. Sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee. For further information call Nancy at 824-2115.

Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m., Computer Lab time at the Adult Learning Center, Bethel (Windows 95, MS Office 97, and Internet). Public users must have their own e-mail account with a provider or may use one of the free e-mail services available on the Internet. Lee Dolleman supervised the lab.

Mondays and Wednesdays--Alcohol/Drug Treatment Program available at Bethel Family Health Center. For information call 743-7580.

Thursday, March 5, Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting, potluck dinner and silent auction at the Town Annex, Bryant Pond.

Friday, March 6 through Thursday, March 12, 6:40 and 9:05 p.m. (two shows daily)--"A Stranger in the Kingdom is Coming" by Howard Frank Mosher will be presented by Casablanca Independent Film Series at the Casablanca Cinema 4 in Bethel.

Saturday, March 7-8 and 8 p.m. (two shows)--Michael Cooper in "Masked Marvels & Wondertales" presentations in the Grand Ballroom at the Summit Hotel at Sunday River Skiway, sponsored by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: kids 12 and under \$3 advance/\$4 at door; adults \$5 advance/\$6 at door. For more information, call 824-3575.

Bethel Republican Biennial Caucus, 7 p.m. at Bethel Town Office.

Sunday, March 8, 3 p.m.--Hanover Republican Biennial Caucus at Richard Burns' home, 16 Homestead Lane.

Monday, March 9--Sixth Annual Bethel Area Mountain Madness Alpine Derby at Mt. Abram.

Wednesday, March 11, 11 a.m.--Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and dinner at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills.

"Radical Radio"--a wild and funny musical--will perform at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit Hotel as part of Sunday River Ski Resort's Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: \$3 for 12 and under and \$5 for adults in advance or \$4 and \$6 at the door. Tickets may be purchased on-mountain at the Welcome Center, the Snow Cap Inn and Summit Hotel or at Preb's Pharmacy, Bethel. For more information, call 824-3575.

Friday, March 13, 7:30 a.m.--New Year's Bethel Committee meeting at the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room, Broad Street. For more information, please call Susan Herlihy at 824-3938.

Saturday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.--Baked Bean Supper (beans, casseroles, salads, rolls, pies, beverage) at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street--adults, \$5; under 12, \$2.50.

Have lunch with Smokey Bear, who will visit the Evans Notch Visitor Center (on Route 2 near Bottle & Bag) for a story hour beginning at 11 a.m., bag lunch (please bring your own) at 12 noon with indoor and outdoor games and activities following. Free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information, call the center at 824-2134 Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Program sponsored by U.S. Forest Service -- White Mountain National Forest.

Women's Health Conference, 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Crescent Park School. Fee: \$25, which includes lunch and free childcare. Call Adult Education office for details or to register (824-2780).

Reach

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Community Service Center--Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

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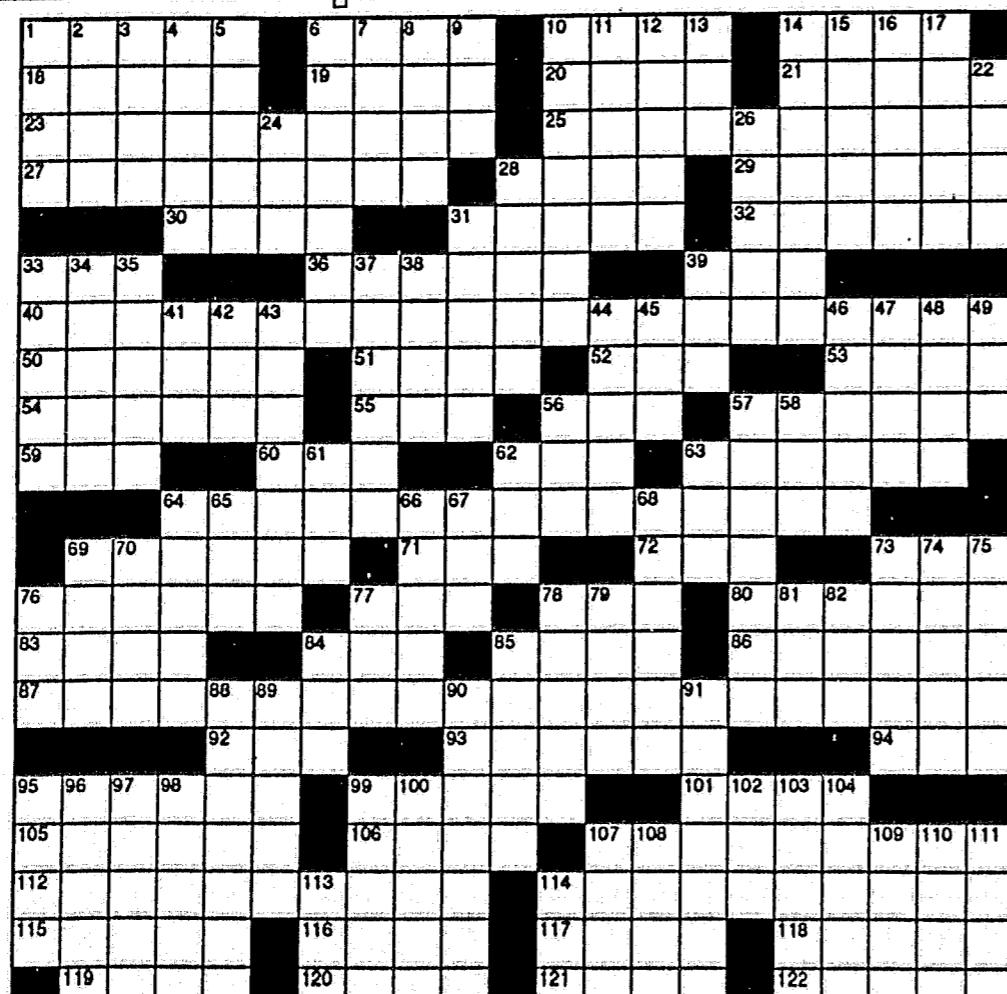
Gateway Recovery Services--Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info. call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:45:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian.

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Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardiner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Public Library: First and third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info, call 824-3232.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Third Monday: Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m. Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachne Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

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Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

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Maine isn't a bad state to call home. Last Monday evening we picked up Bertha Benoit in West Paris, and the three of us attended the potluck supper and meeting of Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond. We always have a good time at these suppers. Each one brings something to help with the supper, so it's always a surprise to see what we have.

The Grange meeting followed the bountiful supper, and we met downstairs in cold weather. This was Valentine's night and our lecturer had the hall decorated for the occasion. Many homemade valentines were judged for different categories. Yours truly presented the one "Most Romantic." We were pleased to have visitors from Webb River Grange and hope they'll come again.

Tuesday morning found Peggy and myself going downtown to take care of some much-needed errands. We called at Market Square Nursing Home in South Paris, as well as going to the hospital, where I had another blood test, then on to Shop 'n Save for a few groceries that we were running low on.

After returning home, I took an eight foot two-by-four to knock down the ice that was overhanging the front side of my bedroom. Warmer days had made the ice slide.

It snowed, more or less, during much of Wednesday and during the following night, so when it stopped snowing Thursday morning, Peggy and I tackled clearing away the wet, heavy snow once more. Our nephew, David, had plowed the front yard, which was a big help, but we still had lots of snow to clear away. It was just beginning to rain more as we finished clearing the snow away.

Friday morning found us downtown again. This was our regular day to go for groceries anyway, and I had prescriptions to be filled at both Wal-Mart and Shop 'n Save. It surely does take a lot of prescriptions these days as we try to

keep our various problems under control.

Saturday morning was quite mild, so Peggy and I took the tools that we thought we would need, and went up to her little house to do some clearing brush and to knock down some overhanging ice from the backside of the roof. When our nephew had cut the big trees in back of his father's house, the top of one tree had partially fallen into the area that we keep cleared up there, so I needed to cut the tree top apart, so that we could throw it out of the way for snowblowing. Then with two-by-four timber, I knocked down the overhanging ice from the camp roof.

Peggy joined Doc Merrill Saturday evening, and they attended the dance at Locke Mills Town Hall. At the present time, they are holding a dance there each Saturday evening, but I don't know how long this will continue.

Sunday was a mild, sunny morning and since we had been invited to go to the home of Loretta and Emerson Merrill, in West Bethel, for lunch and a visit, we decided to do so. Loretta had prepared a very nice dinner, and with the bright sunshine, it was warm enough so that we ate and visited on their front porch. Emerson was gone part of the time, as he was working on snowmachine trails.

Loretta is flying to Florida Tuesday morning, where she will visit Barbara and Dale Stevens for a week, before returning home.

Bertha Benoit, from West Paris, was a caller at the Lovejoy home on Friday.

Mary Lovejoy visited Clarabelle Holden, of Oxford, on Sunday.

The ladies of West Paris Grange are already making plans for their spring Craft, White Elephant and Food Sale, to be held at the Grange Hall on May 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Much table space has already been reserved with more to go. To reserve table space, call Peggy Blake at 674-3872 or Mary Lovejoy at 674-2147. Lunch items will be available at this sale.

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Holden - Weaver

Katherine VanTassel Holden and Walter Eric Weaver were married Aug. 30, 1997, at the West Parish Congregational Church. The bilingual Spanish-English ceremony was celebrated by the Reverends Brendon and Jean Bass of Bethel, and Father Ruben Patino of Santa Barbara, Calif.

The couple enjoyed the company of family and friends from Bethel, areas throughout the East Coast, California, and Mexico City.

The bride, daughter of Carolyn O'Brien of Bethel and Dr. David Holden of Middlebury, Vt., graduated with her master's degree from The American University. She is a consultant at the World Health Organization in Washington, D.C.

The bridegroom, son of Orlalia and Robert Weaver of San Diego, Calif., graduated with his master's degree from the Johns Hopkins University. He is the regional coordinator for Central America Programs at the Environmental Export Council in Washington, D.C.

The Weavers enjoyed a honeymoon in Grenada, West Indies, and reside in Washington, D.C.

'A Stranger in the Kingdom'

The film "A Stranger in the Kingdom" will begin a one-week run at the Casablanca Cinema in Bethel on Friday, March 6. The showing is part of the Casablanca Independent Film Series.

The film's director, Jay Craven of Kingdom County Productions, will be on hand to introduce the film on opening night 824-8248.

Based on the award-winning novel by Howard Frank Mosher and inspired by true events, "A stranger in the Kingdom" tells the story of a small Vermont town whose veneer of peace and tranquility is shattered by the powerful conflicts that arise when a black former army chaplain arrives as the new pastor and, before long, finds himself at the center of heated charges of adultery and murder. "A Stranger in the Kingdom" is a timely mystery with a fresh array of off-beat characters, vivid action, accented by Mosher's magical realist touch and music by the Horse Flies.

Twenty-four actors bring Kingdom County's quirky characters to life. Included in the ensemble: David Lansbury ("Scent of a Woman," "Gas Food Lodging") as rascals attorney Charlie Kinneson, Ernie Hudson ("Hand That Rocks the Cradle," "Congo," "Ghostbusters") as the Rev. Walter Andrews, and Martin Sheen ("Apocalypse Now," "Badlands," "The American President") as Montpelier prosecutor Sigurd Moulton. Jean Louisa Kelly ("Mr. Holland's Opus") as a schoolteacher and (sometimes) Charlie's fiancee, Athena Allen; Sean Nelson ("Fresh," "American Buffalo") as Walter's 16-year-old son Nat Andrews; Vermont's Rusty Dewees ("Where the Rivers Flow North," "Tangents") as cockfighter Harlan Kittridge; and Tantoo Cardinal ("Rivers," "Dances with Wolves," "Legends of the Fall") as dance heaven Fontaine. Four-time nominee Tom Aldredge as Elijah Kinneson; Oscar nominees Carrie Snodgress ("Diary of a Mad Housewife," "Blue Sky," "Pale Rider") as Ruth Kinneson; Henry Gibson ("Nashville," "Laugh-In" and "National Society of Film Critics Winner") as non-prosecuting prosecutor, Zack Burrows; Bill Raymond ("Rivers," "Eight Men Out," "Twelve Monkeys") as outlaw Resolved Kinneson; Lyndonville 12-year-old Orhan Yersel as Jim Kinneson; and deaf Rochester artist/teacher John Roberts as The Dog Cart Man.

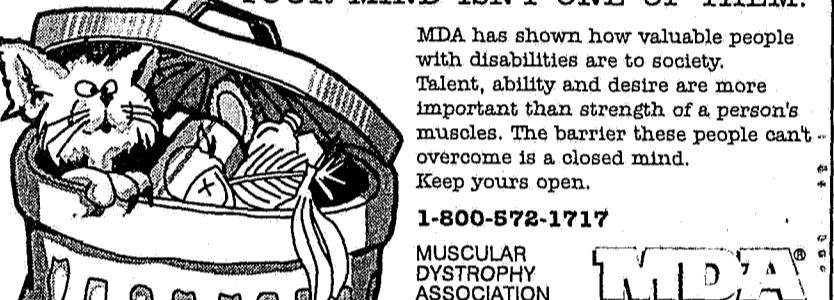
Show times are 6:40 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. daily. For more information, please call the theater at 824-8248.

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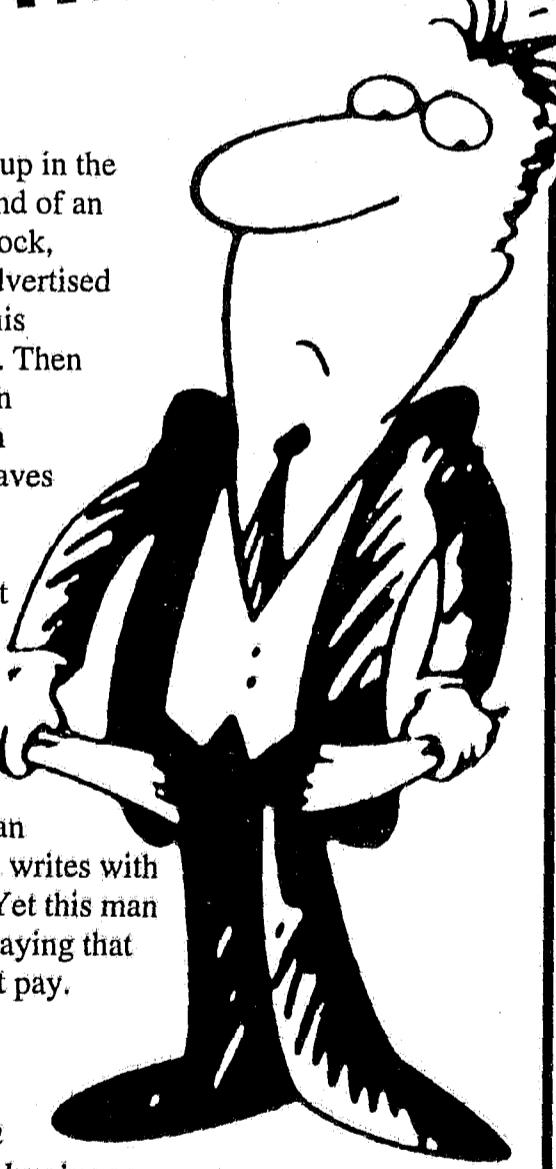
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All members and friends are reminded that the next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature an oral history night on the topic, "Growing Up In Bethel." A panel of about 12 will explore this topic from the 1920s to the 1990s. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to comment as well. Anyone wishing to attend is cordially invited to come and learn about this topic.

Ruth Feeney has contacted the society about last week's photo on the sign at the Civil War soldier's monument. She recalled her father, Jay Willard, being asked to provide a monument that was placed on the Common in May 1960. She believed that at time the wooden sign shown in the photograph was removed and probably went to the dump. If anyone has other recollections, please contact the society at 824-2908.

A traditional New England boiled dinner will be served to the public on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, at the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 5 p.m. (adults \$5, children under 10 \$3). This will be for the benefit of the Capital Campaign.

From the

Bethel Area C. of C.

Many thanks to Rick and Ellen Whitney, owners of Maine Line Products, for sponsoring a Business After Hours this past Monday evening in their new facility on Route 26 in Locke Mills. What a wonderful store and manufacturing center they have. If you haven't stopped in, we would recommend that you do, you'll be glad you did. The next business After Hours is scheduled for Monday, March 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kipp's Lodge on the McCrillis Road (off the Gore Road) in Bryant Pond. All are welcomed to attend.

Welcome to the newest members of the chamber: Slopeside Market, Inc., Sunday River Road, Newry, Gary and Susan Coyne, owners, and The Backstage, Summer Street, Bethel, Harry and Lal Faulkner, owners.

There is still time to sign up for the 6th Annual Bethel Area Mountain Madness Alpine Derby, to be held next Monday, March 9, at Mt. Abram. The entry is \$35 per person and applications are available at the chamber office. The entry includes a full day of skiing, the B-B-Q lunch, the post-race party, the amenity bag full of goodies and a guarantee of winning one of many great prizes. Many thanks again to major sponsor: The Norway Savings Bank; Gold Sponsors: Federal Distributors/Shipyards Ale; and Silver Sponsors: Chalmers Insurance, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Gifford's Dairy, Goodwin's Insurance and J.S. McCarthy Co. Printers.

Plans are moving forward for the Bethel Winter Festival on March 21 and 22. The sponsors of the event have been phenomenal in their support, despite the somewhat uncooperative weather. We are still praying for more snow but know it will be an awesome event no matter what. Many thanks to sponsors: Mead Corporation, L.L. Bean, Shaw's Supermarkets, Northeast Bank, Oakhurst Dairy and Poland Spring Water, as well as the five locations planning events: Bethel Inn, Sunday River Ski Resort, Mt. Abram, Carter's Cross Country Ski Center, and the Sunday River Inn. Call the chamber office (824-2282) for more information.

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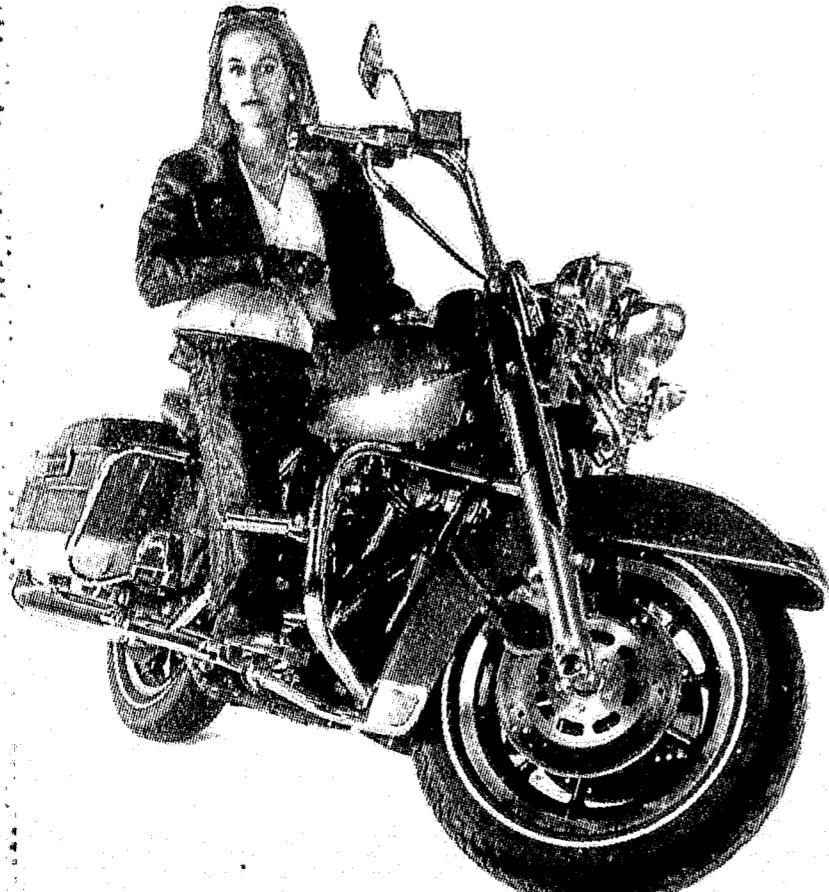
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W.M.N.F.

A small group of local citizens, organized by N.H. state Rep. Gene Chandler of Bartlett, has made preliminary recommendations to the White Mountain National Forest on recommended changes to the recreational fee-pilot begun in 1997.

Chandler was asked by White Mountain National Forest supervisor Donna Hepp to provide ideas for ways to improve the program.

"I was pleased to be asked to provide feedback on the fee-pilot. I have heard from many constituents on the issue and I believe there are ways to improve the program now, for the 1998 season. Some people have said they are not opposed to fees but they are not pleased with the way the program is being implemented," Chandler said.

Chandler decided to organize a committee of local residents to gather ideas. Committee members include: Frank Eastman of Chatham, N.H., Sen. Fred King of Colebrook, N.H., selectman Michael Waddell of Gorham, N.H., Rep. Al Barth of Bethel, Richard Estes of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department, Charles Levesque of Deering, selectman Robert Berti of Rumney, N.H., Paul Doherty of Gorham, N.H., Rep. Douglas Tschirner of Pike, N.H., Walter Graff of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

The group has come up with a set of preliminary recommendations for changes to the fee-pilot program that include:

--keeping the current system as administered in 1997 (including enforcement with fines);

--providing exemptions via free passes for all local residents who request a pass (residents of communities in the four counties: Carroll, Coos, and Grafton in New Hampshire, Oxford in Maine would be allowed the exemption should they choose);

--a recommended method for local residents to acquire a free pass is to offer each organized town in the four-county area the authority to administer handing out passes to residents who own and have vehicles currently registered in that community. It would be voluntary for towns to participate in administration and each of the National Forest ranger stations would also hand out passes based on vehicle registration so that residents could obtain passes at participating town offices or the ranger stations. Passes would be good for the calendar year.

The group felt that this local exemption should be granted because these communities provide services that benefit the National Forest while the payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) have not been fully funded by the congress in recent years. The PILT payments are made to communities because the National Forest land is not taxable for property tax purposes. In 1997 the PILT payments were 69 percent of what they are supposed to be. The group also felt the fee-pilot exemption was warranted because the Congress exempted it from the 25 percent fund. The 25 percent fund reimburses local communities with 25 percent of the revenues collected on the National Forest to help with local education.

The group is hopeful that the recommendations for implementation changes to the program can be made to work this season.

The committee will meet Saturday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bartlett, N.H., Town Hall.

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 97 FOLLOW-UP MEETING

The follow-up meeting for Community Conference 97's participants will be held on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Crescent Park School in Bethel.

This event will consist of a report-out by the working groups that were formed at the time of the conference in November. The session was originally scheduled for March 11, but following a phone survey of the groups, it was decided to postpone the meeting to allow groups to work further, as several have major projects pending in the next two months.

The session is open to the public.

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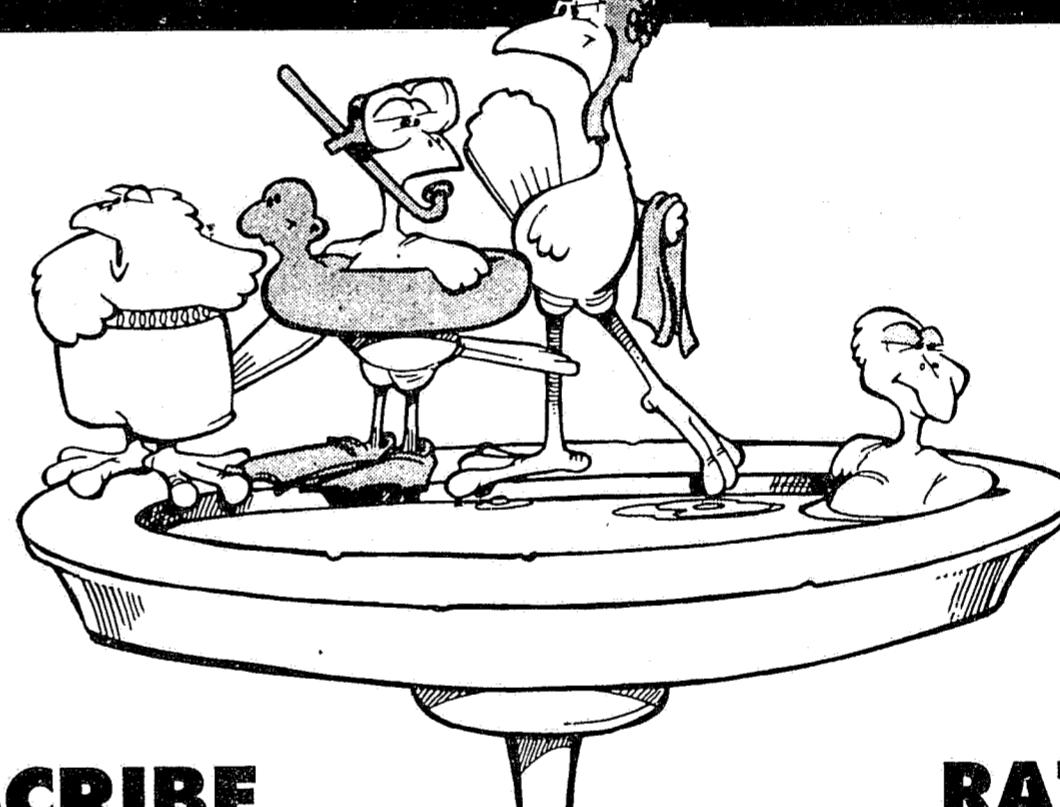
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The "I Can Cope" program gives participants an opportunity to share their concerns with other cancer sufferers in a supportive atmosphere. Designed to help people with the challenges that arise from a cancer diagnosis, the program covers many topics, including: cancer diagnosis and treatment, side effects of chemotherapy, nutrition, stress management and more.

Classes will begin on Thursday, March 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Harper Conference Center at Stephens Memorial Hospital. There is no charge to participate in the "I Can Cope" program, but registration is required. For more information or to register for the program, call Robin Green, LSW at 743-5933 ext. 379.

Stephens Memorial Hospital is an affiliate of Western Maine Health. The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer association in the country with divisions in every state. The Maine division is located in Brunswick. The efforts of the American Cancer Society support education and research in cancer prevention, diagnosis, detection and treatment.

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Fitz Vail is believed to be in the back on the left. Anyone with names for the others is urged to contact the society. This photograph is but one of thousands owned by the Bethel Historical Society, which also possesses an outstanding collection of manuscripts, books, documents, and artifacts relating to Western Maine and Northern New Hampshire. The society is currently raising funds for its proposed Center for Local and Regional History on Broad Street, which will also provide for improved storage and greater access to collections as well as rooms devoted to exhibits, educational activities, research, traditional crafts, and museum store operations. To learn more about this project, call the society at 824-2908 or 1-800-824-2910 or send e-mail (history@bdc.bethel.me.us).



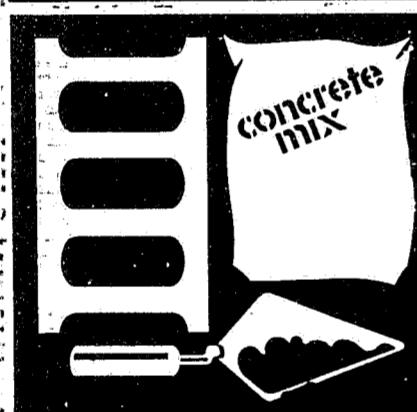
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1. Barbara Buckley is asking for a change of use to a building in the shoreland area.
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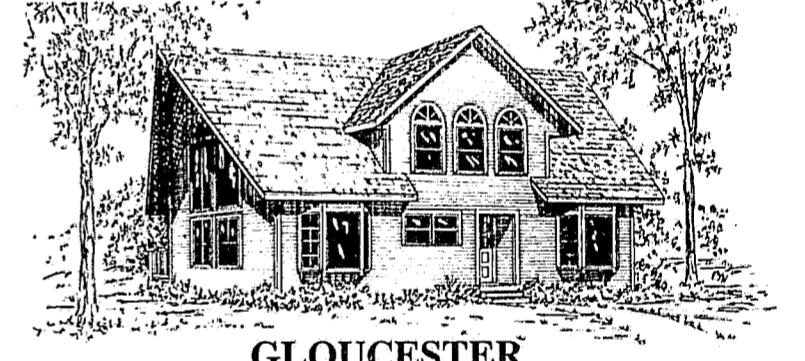
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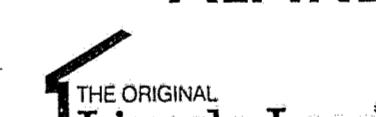
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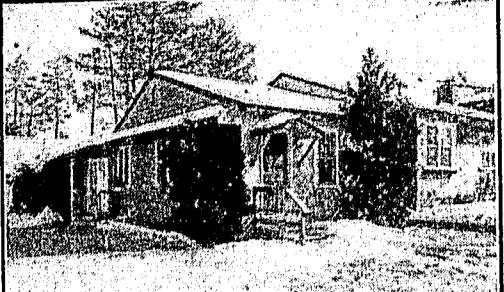
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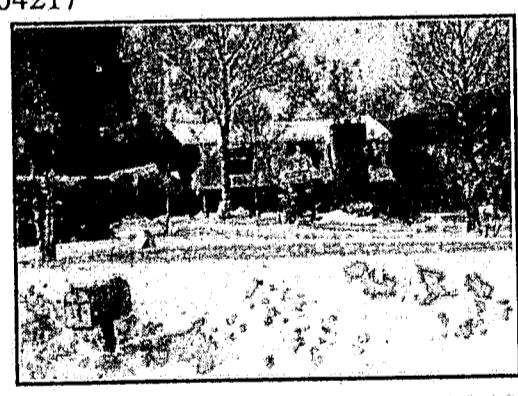
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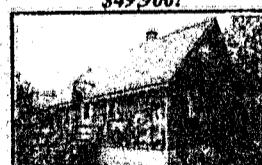
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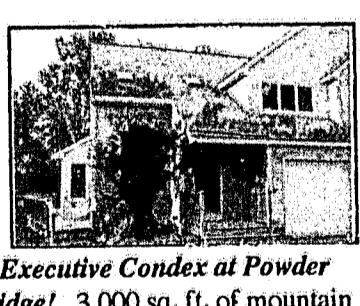


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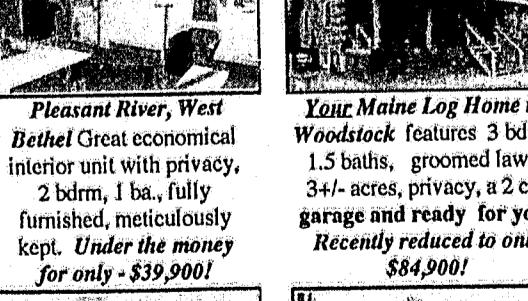
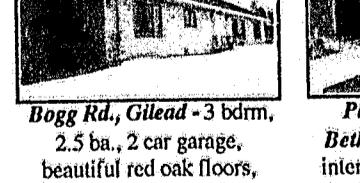
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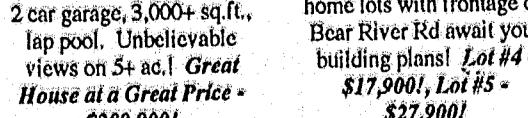
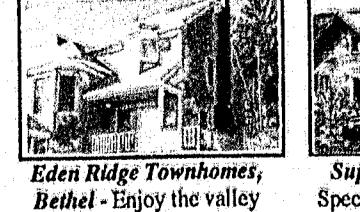
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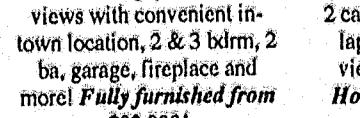
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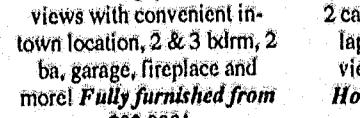
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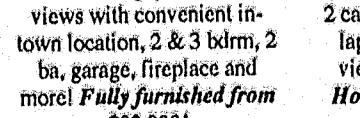
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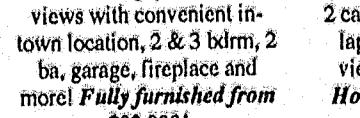
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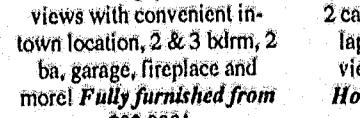
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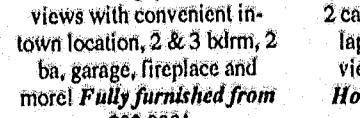
Other Lots
Hanover - 1/2 ac = \$129,900!
Almon - 8x - ac = \$18,900!
1 plot - 109 ac = \$79,900!
Newry - 1/2 ac = \$15,000!



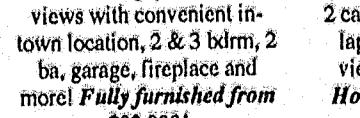
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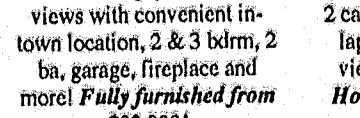
Rt. 26, Bryant Pond Commercial potential! - en route to skylift! 3 story, 10,000+ sqft, office, showroom, and more! Large detached garage (commercial space), paved drive. Location of "downtown" led to property to residential lot. Highly visible, site building has commercial rental possibilities. \$67,500



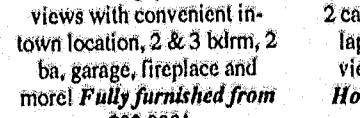
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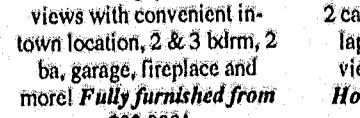
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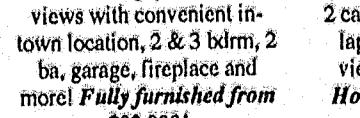
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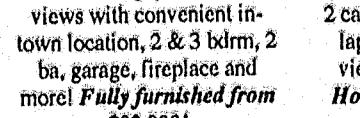
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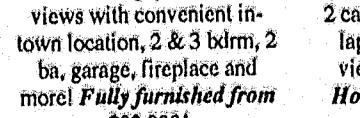
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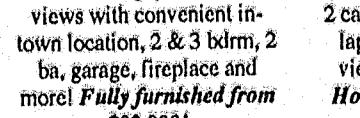
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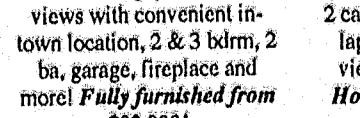
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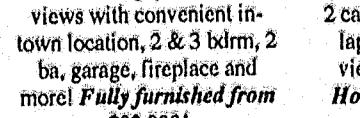
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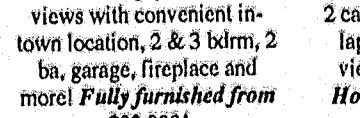
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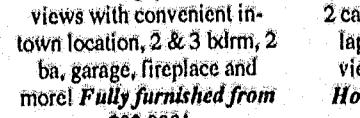
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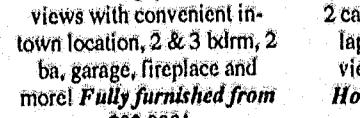
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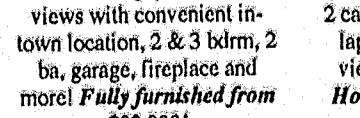
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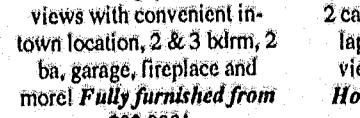
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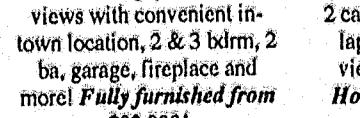
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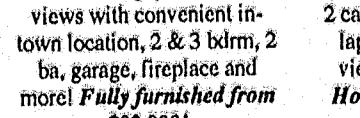
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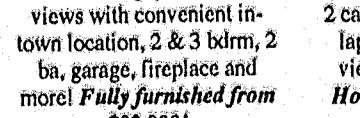
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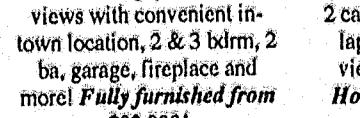
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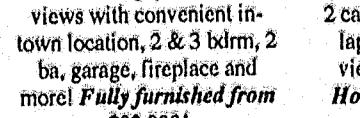
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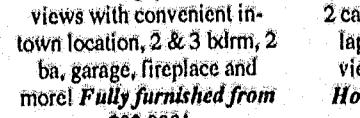
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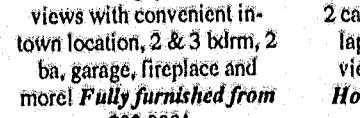
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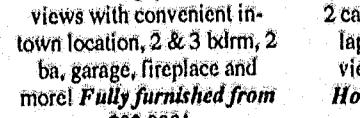
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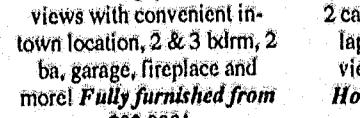
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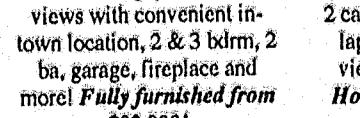
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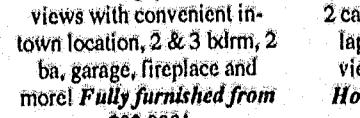
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Obituaries

RONALD W. SIMPSON

Ronald W. Simpson, 85, of 211 Randall Road, Lewiston, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998, at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

Born in Sanford, Nov. 1, 1912, he was the son of Daniel and Mary Vennell Simpson.

Educated in Sanford schools, he served with the U.S. Army during WWII and was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in Ger-

many. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, he was later employed as an accountant for Goodall-Sanford Mills and the Adams Trucking Company and as a controller for Tempstat of Keene, N.H., prior to his retirement.

In August of 1949, he was married to the late Marion Bennett, who passed away in July of 1994.

He was a member of the Grand Order of Masons and attended services at the High Street Congre-

gational Church in Auburn and the Sanford Baptist Church in Sanford.

Survivors include a stepson, Harold and his wife Sheila Patrick of Lewiston; a stepdaughter, Joan and her husband John Lederer of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Eleanor Hazelton of Saco, and Mrs. Al (Lucille) Luce of Largo, Fla.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four nieces.

Private services will be held at a later date. Interment will be in the spring in Oakdale Cemetery, San-

Births

Shannon Abbott of Norway is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Damien James Cheyenne Abbott, born Feb. 4, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and Lucy Edwards of Rumford.

Paternal grandparents are Alpheus and Esther Brooks of Albany.

Elizabeth joins brothers Henry, 4, Carl, 2 and John, 1.

Janice Daniels and Michael Akers of West Paris, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Cody Louise Akers, born Jan. 27, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Cindy Daniels and Danny and Krista Daniels of Weirsdale, Fla. and West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Roger and Claire Akers of West Paris.

Henry and Brenda Brooks of Greenwood are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Elizabeth Hall Brooks, born Jan. 26, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Betty Goodwin of Norway.

Paternal grandparents are Phyllis and Walter Libby of Raymond.

Tom McKeen and Maggie Brunnen of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Alex Michael McKeen, born Jan. 26, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparent is Patty Goodwin of Norway.

Paternal Grandparents are Phyllis and Walter Libby of Raymond.

Douglas and Michelle Wilson of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Lauren Anne Mary, born Feb. 25, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are David and Pauline Robinson of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Betty Bailey of Norway and Warren Wilson of Greenville.

Lauren joins sister Morgan, 2 and brother Kyle, 6.

Deborah and Sam DiPhilippo of Annapolis, Md., are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Olivia Monique, born on Feb. 10, 1998.

Maternal grandparents are Maryvonne and Dennis Wheeler of Bethel. Great-grandparents are Barbara Wheeler of Bethel and Harold Rolfe of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Fran and Sabato DePhilippo of Portland. Great-grandfather is Orlando DePhilippo of Portland.

Tanya Marden and Shawn Vehue of Ossifield are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Devyn Scott Vehue, born on Feb. 27, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Eulalie Buswell of Oxford.

Paternal grandparents are John and Sue Vehue of Norway.

Devyn joins sister MacKenzie Vehue, 19 months.

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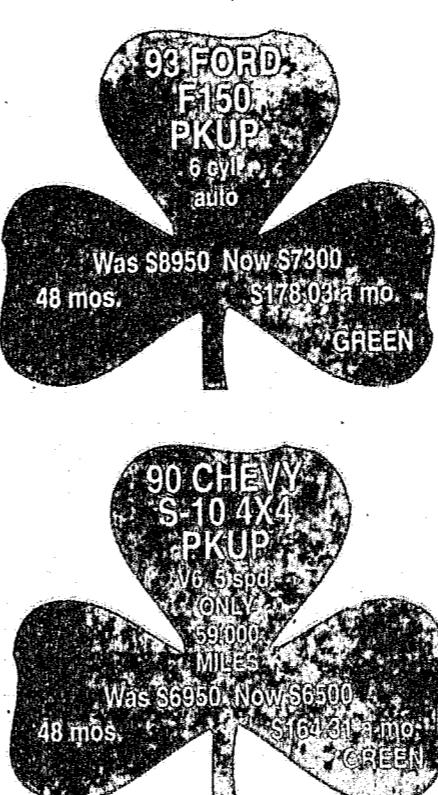
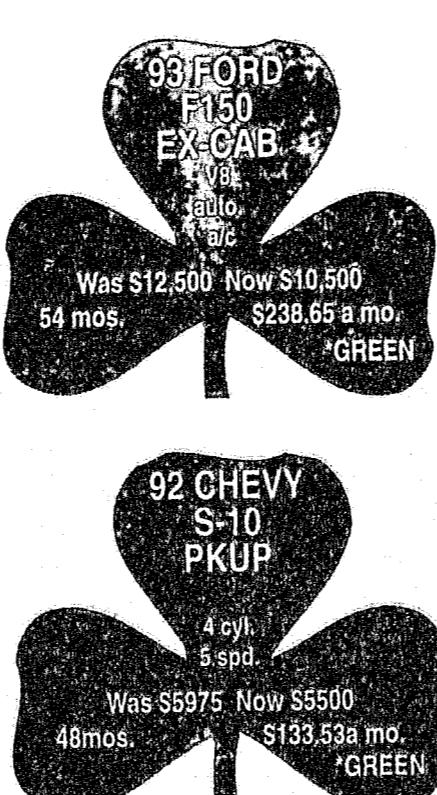
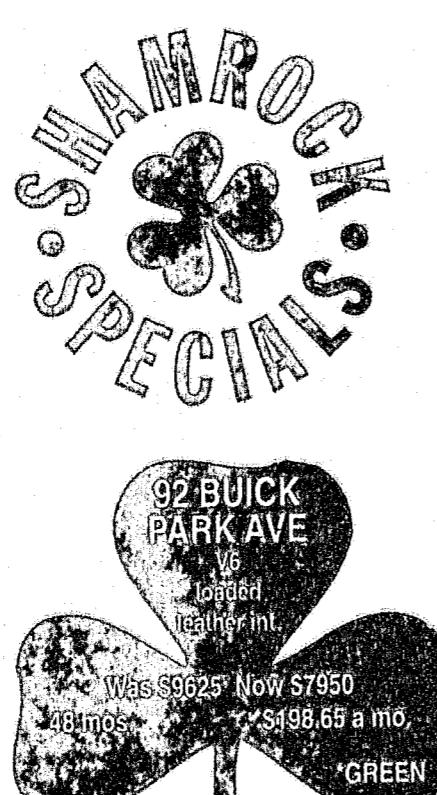
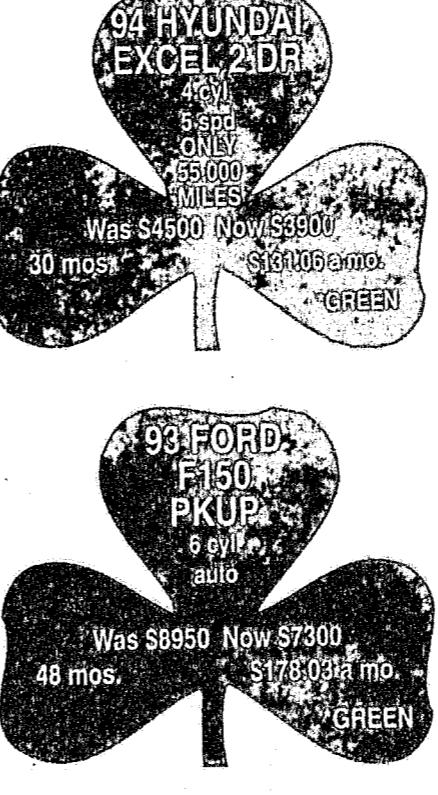
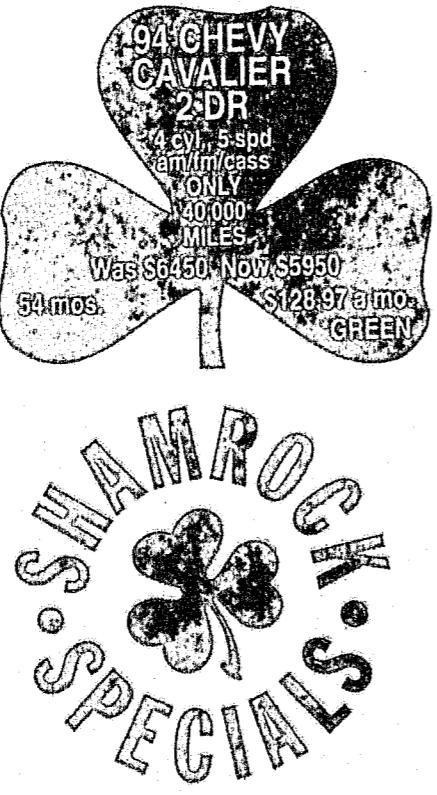
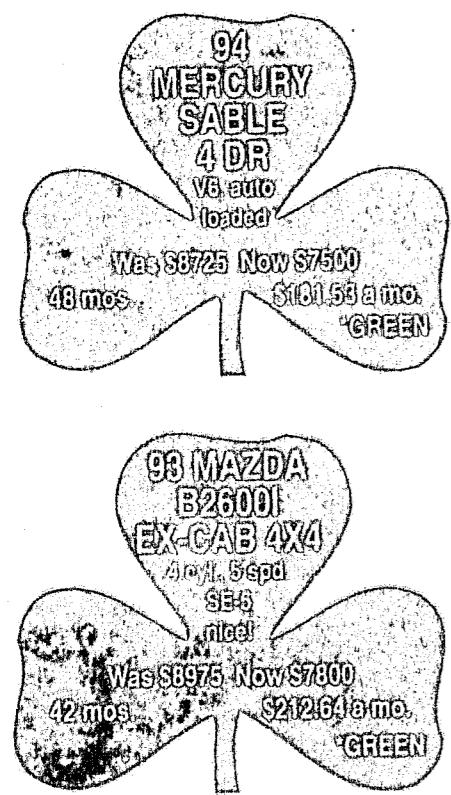
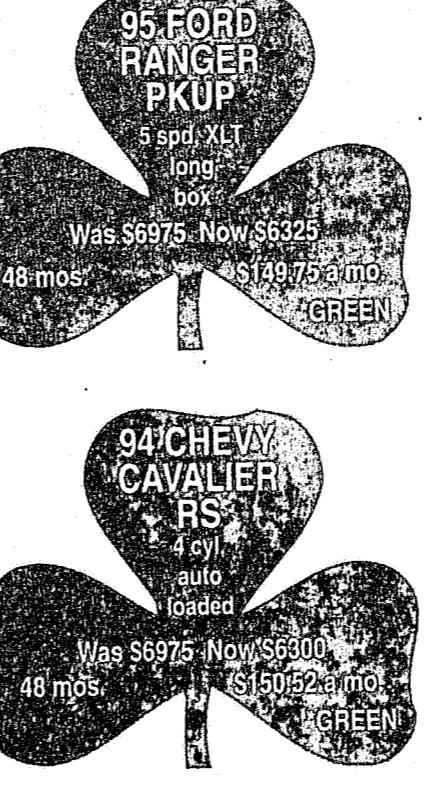
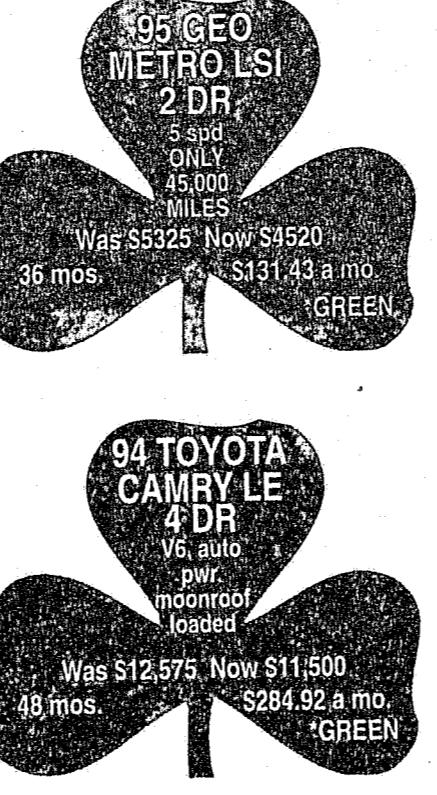
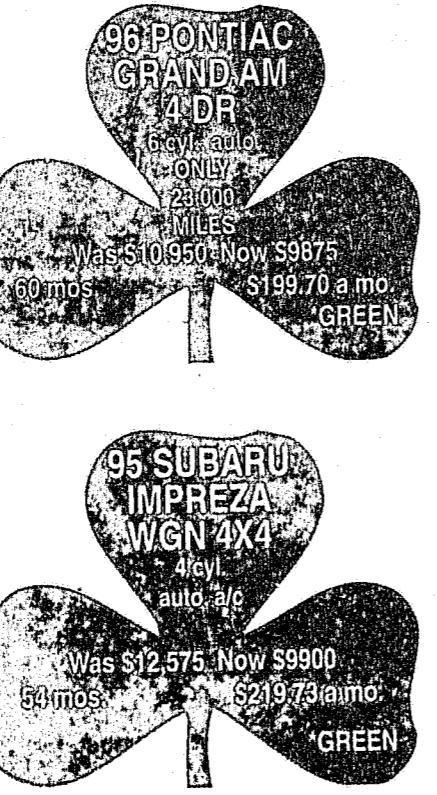
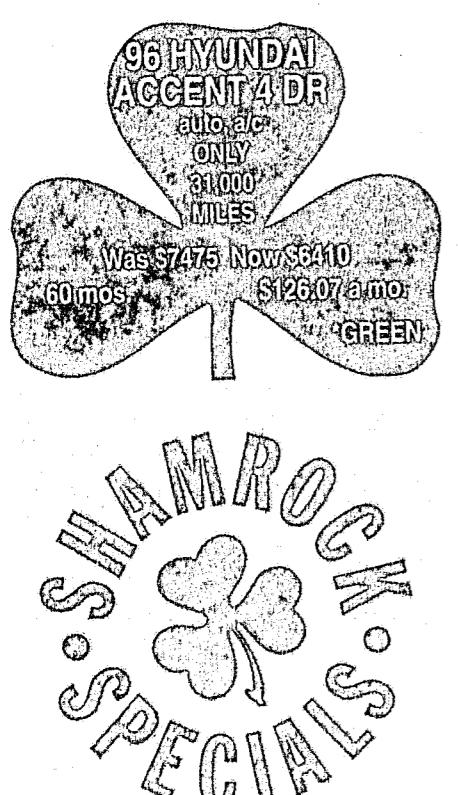
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